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Although I Am Only Level 1, but with This Unique Skill, I Am the Strongest

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Chapter 65

A messenger at a resort

After waking up in the morning, I went downstairs to the second floor living room from the third floors bedroom.

Emily who was in the kitchen turned around and a wonderful smile lit on her face as soon as she saw me.

“Good morning desu.”

“Morning... Where’s Celeste?”

“She went out with Eve-chan desu. Since today’s the Harvest Festival, there will be less adventures diving into the dungeon thus they went to collect more carrots desu.”

“I see.”

There on the table, I took the tea that Emily has left for me and slowly sipped on it.

Today’s the start of the three day Harvest Festival.

“If I’m not mistaken, this huge event is held yearly in Shikuro.”

“Yes desu, and it seems that there are other people from different cities coming to watch it too desu. Since there are a lot of people gathered at Shikuro, it seems that the people from other cities would gather many items and acquire adventurers to gift out as presents desu.”

“Acquiring adventurers?”

“They would bring different drops from different dungeons and try to sell it, or changing it into rogue monsters and try to sell it, or even appeal the item in the city.”

“I see.”

There are quite a few things happening around this period huh. More like, appealing to get adventurers, I can’t believe these sorts of things are also happening around here.

Well, since everything is dropped in a dungeon from monsters, adventurers who kill those monsters are the producers of those items.

So, the number and quality of adventurers will be directly related to the tax revenue of the city.

“In a way it’s like attracting business opportunities.”

“Yes desu?”

“Sorry, just talking to myself... Oh right, just now that thing from Emily, did you hear all this from someone(apparently).”

Emily had a troubled expression.

“I’ve heard of it from Celeste desu.”

“Oh it’s from Celeste? I undertand that that lady does know a lot of information because of how well she obtains information, but why are you asking it from her?”

Even though she’s been living here her whole life.

“Before I started living in the cities, I was always inside the dungeon desu, what’s more going to festival requires a lot of money d-desu.”

“.....”

I see how it is.

Up until now she was a drop rate of E adventurer who was living in the dungeon until I forcefully drag her to a 20k Piro borrowed apartment.

She was surviving inside the dungeon everyday.

“Okay, then why not we go to the festival together than.”

“Together desu?”

“Yeap, there are a lot of interesting stuff to see, ya know? Let’s have fun together~”

“—Yes desu!”



Going out of the house, Emily and I were walking to the city.

Even though it's still in the morning, but the city was packed with people roaming around.

You would see people who usually won't come to the city walking around here, and goods that are not sold in Shikuro being sold in stores around the city.

It was similar to the time when I was in Selen dungeon where the merchants would gather around and open up their stores, but this time the difference was the amount of people, and also the many different types of items being sold.

"This is amazing desu, there are a lot of things desu~"

"If there's anything you like don't hesitate to say it."

"Eh? But..."

While Emily was looking around the stores, she had a sorry expression as she said that.

"Because it's a festival they will surely mark up the prices nanodesu....."

"If it's about money, don't worry about it. Precisely because it's the festival, the more we should use it."

"But..."

"If Emily doesn't choose it then I will just buy it okay? Let's see, something like this doll that looks *similar to that*."

"Please stop it seriously and forgive me and anything but that I will do anything for you desu!" Emily said as she was spitting out words like a bullet train.

The doll that I was talking about was a black living creature personified as a doll. Well, in my eyes it's sort of cute, as for Emily... I guess it's still impossible.

Well, I too can't take it when the high speed movement of the Cockroach Slime crawls around the dungeon.

“Then please buy something.”

“I, I got it okay desu.”

Emily was weirdly enthusiastic, and thus started looking for something to buy. After awhile, she stopped in front of a particular store.

“What’s wrong Emily... A Collection Box?”

Lining up side by side, I saw the items lining up in order at the store. And all of them were Collection boxes.

When you defeat a monster this box would automatically suck the dropped item into the box.

This was what I often used to get my special bullets.

“What is this?”

“I’m glad you asked miss, this is the Alkyl production’s experience point.” (*TLN: Alkyl is a city*)

The store owner, who had a thread like eye with a grin constantly floating on it’s faced was answering Emily’s question.

“Experience points? What’s does that mean?”

“The monster that you will get is called a <Mech(Mickey) Mouse>. You should know Mech Mouse. It is a wonderful monster that can get ten times the experience value than other monsters of the same strength.”

“Heh.”

“So you leave this at a place where no one is present, and keep a distance away from it for about 3 minutes.”

“Aah, it’s a rogue monster.”

“Yes! Once it becomes a rogue Mech Mouse, you will obtain ten times the experience points.”

“I see.”

There was no idea.

In a world where drops are fundamentally important, though levels and experience points do exist, but there are practically not many adventurers who worry about that. Adventurers would mostly form a group when diving into a dungeon, and they would continuously defeat monsters one after the another and before they know it their levels have already reached the maximum cap.

“Even though the rogue monster doesn’t drop anything, but it’s guaranteed to give out experience?”

“Yoda-san, I’ve leveled up desu.”

“Eh? Aah! Those Femini from under the cliff!”

Emily nodded to my answer.

When we just met not long ago—it was around the time when I just gotten my Freeze bullet where it happened.

There was an incident where someone has fallen down a cliff and they left their stuffs there and it turned into rogue monsters, and when she defeated all of them she leveled up a huge ton.

I see, even if it’s rogue monsters you will still be able to get experience points.

“I see, selling experience points huh... by the way, what do you have inside this box?”

“Sir, wait—”

Before the store owner could stop me, I’ve already opened up one of the boxes.

Immediately—

“Uoo!”

“Hauwa!!!”

“Th, this stiiiiinks!!!”

In a hurry I quickly closed the lid of the box.

Even though I’ve only opened it for a brief moment, but the stench of the smell coming from the box quickly flew out.

It was a smell of rotten meat and fish that was in the sewer and was being boiled up and further ferment it.

That was how strong the stench was.

“Uu..... It went into my eyes desu...”

“Th, this is.”

“It is the drop item of the Mech Mouse, a poisonous mushroom. The item itself is completely useless and thus we had to use a box to keep it in and sell it as an experience point.”

“I, I understand now. I’m sorry that I accidentally opened it.”

The stench then spreaded around everywhere to the point where the people who were enjoying the festival all turned at look at where the source of the smell was.

In order to not attract anymore attention, I quickly handed over the money and took one of the box, and immediately dragged Emily away to escape from that area.



Outside of Shikuro, the outdoor where no one was present.

The experience points(poisonous mushroom) that was in the box was left on the ground and we kept a distance away from it.

Even though it’s good and all to buy it, but if there’s no way to dispose of it then it would be troubling as the festival was put on hold for an hour because of that smell, so it’s better to turn it into rogue monster—I mean into experience points.

While we were waiting for it to turn into a rogue monster, we were reading the

brochure that we've gotten from the shop owner.

"Is it a guide about what's inside Alkyl?"

"Yeah..... It seems that the Alkyl specializes in sightseeing."

"Sightseeing desu?"

"It seems like Alkyl has drops that could kill *those* 70% of the time by releasing poison or the bad stench, and 30% of the time it won't drop anything. So it seems that the tax revenue in the city is hard to get although they have four dungeons."

"Is that so nanodesu."

"Even though most of the drops stinks but in return the monster gives a huge amount of experience points, thus it gets its revenue by being a tourist spot for adventurers to come, it also seems like they're trying to get adventurers to pay them money. Look at this here, a rogue monster stadium is ready and completed for those who aren't good with handling the smell of the drops."

"So there are cities like these."

"It's kind of interesting. Emily, you and Celeste's level isn't max yet right? Let's try going there sometime?"

"Yes! Let's go together with everyone desu!"

I made a promised in heart that once they've maxed their level they will each eat the magical fruit to learn a random magic, with that Emily showed a face full of brimming smile and nodded in unison.

At that moment, from within the box it moved and cracked, and the rogue monster was born.

"Yoda-san!"

"Yeah."

The both of us nodded. With a restraint bullet in one hand and a healing bullet in the other, I standby with these support bullets.

Then, Emily carried her hammer, and flew to the target as per her usual attack pattern.

The poisonous mushroom hatched into a 50 centimetre sized big mouse.

The body was coated in a metallic colour which matched it's name, and from some places you can see it's skin peeling off and a dull colour can be seen from the outside.

Somehow it looked like a zombie, where the meat was rotting and it was falling apart.

A metal zombie, that's the impression I'd gotten when seeing this Mech Mouse.

When I say it like that it felt disturbing.

What's more it was crawling, it moves a little and it stops, and moves a little then stops, it moves just like how a mouse does.

"Are you alright with that Emily?"

"With what desu?"

"...Never mind don't mind what I just said."

The girl who hate the Co***** would actually be alright with the movement of the huge mouse.

"Let's do it desu!"

"Yeah."

The moment I fired the Restrain bullet, at the same time Emily flew towards it.

The light rope wrapped around the Mech Mouse and restrained it, and Emily who was there on time started hammering down the mouse.

Gakin!

"It, it's tough desu!"

"Should I help?"

"—I'm alright desu!"

Emily took a deep breath, and readied her hammer.

With a “Gugugugu” sound being heard but not really, it seems like Emily was building up power.

Something awesome is about to happen, was what I thought when looking at her.

“Haaaaaa!”

“——Reservation.” and immediately I cast the magic.

At the same time Emily swung her hammer as I finished casting the magic.

And the hammer successfully damaged the mouse.

Doshin! As the ground shook, even I was moving around unexpectedly with that distance.

The place where the hammer hit, a 30 metre crate was made from her attack.

“I did it Yoda-san!”

“What’s your level?”

“I leveled up nicely desu!”

“Congrats.”

With just one of the mouse she leveled up.

That just makes me want to bring them to Arkyl to level up.

“Yoda-san, look at this desu.”

“Un? Ooh, is this a new bullet?”

As Emily called me to come closer, I looked at the middle of the crate, and saw a bullet that I have never seen before laying on the ground.

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First time collaborating

After picking up the bullet, I was looking at it with eyes of expectation and wonders.

“What is it?”

“Let’s test it out. I think it’s a special bullet.”

“Then let’s aim it at that rock over there desu.”

Emily lift up her hands and points at the other direction.

And over there a huge rock which looked unmoving was present.

“I guess so, let’s try it out. Just in case, Emily you stand behind me.”

“Okay desu.”

Emily immediately moved behind me, and I loaded the new bullet into my gun.

I aimed at the huge rock, and pulled the trigger.

Kachi.

“Huh?”

“What’s wrong desu?”

“Nothing happened?”

Kachi, kachi.

I then pulled the trigger several times, but no such bullet flew out.

“Did it miss? Or is the gun broken desu?”

“Let’s test that out.”

Leaving the new bullet as it is, I loaded another normal bullet inside, and pullet the trigger.

Pan! The sound of gunfire resonated the area, and a gaping hole was at the center of the rock.

“It’s not broken desu.”

“.....”

“Yoda-san?”

“Don’t you think that the power is a little bit strong?”

“Eh?”

“The normal bullet from before, isn’t it stronger than before?”

“Was it desu?..... Aah, maybe it’s because.”

“Aah.”

I nodded.

I think our train of thoughts were the same as to what was going on right now.

I took out the new bullet, and this time just loaded a normal bullet inside and fired the huge rock.

“It became slightly weaker desu.”

“.....Emily, let’s go buy some more experience points.”

“Yes desu!”



We hurried back to the city of Shikuro, and went back to the place where we first met that shop owner who was selling the box filled with a poisonous mushroom and bought another 9 more boxes.

We immediately head back to the outskirts of Shikuro, turned it into rogue monsters, and every time we fought one I cast “Reservations” on the rogue monsters before letting Emily defeat them.

Emily has finally upped her level by two, and she’s now level 28.

And with the 9 new bullets added on, I have a total of 10 in my hands.

“Let’s try putting two inside.”

“Okay desu.”

After loading the two new bullets inside, and tried pulling the trigger, and as one would expect, nothing came out.

This time I loaded the normal bullet inside—It fired!

The huge rock was clearly beaten up by the normal bullet.

“That’s awesome desu, even I can understand the power difference desu.”

“Yeah, the power did went up. Now let’s try using three to fire.”

I added the third new bullet inside and above it a normal bullet and fired, the fire power increased even further, and the huge rock that had sustained a large proportion of damage by the bullets crumbled into pieces.

“There’s no mistake here.”

“Yeah desu, even though you can use it to shoot, but if you put in other bullets and fire it, the bullet would get stronger nodesu.”

“So if this strengthens bullet that means this is a <**Bullet Enhancer**> huh.”

“Even though every time I fired I would have to reload it, but I’m pretty sure this would be pretty handy in the future.”

And thus I thought of several ideas as to how to use this new Bullet Enhancer that was on the palm of my hand.

Then, I realized that Emily was looking at the whole time and was smiling at me.

“What’s the matter Emily?”

“I’m happy nodesu.”

“Happy.”

“I’m extremely happy that Yoda-san has once again become stronger nodesu.”

It’s as if Emily put herself in my shoe and was happy for me.



After finished checking the effects of the Bullet Enhancer, Emily and I once again head back to Shikuro.

For now, I guess that the experience points and the Mech Mouse and the Bullet Enhancer’s case has been dealt with, thus returning to the mood we once again went around at the Harvest Festival.

After afternoon came, the crowd was even larger compared to this morning.

The crowd was so bad that even by walking at a normal pace I would be knock in the shoulder by various people, but the city was getting even more exciting.

“There’s something over there making a fuss.”

“Looks like they’re having a fight.”

“Are you stupid or something, if you’re well and good then come to the dungeon with me.”

Among the enthusiasm and unusual uniqueness to the festival, Emily and I walked a lot.

Just so you know, whatever Emily was looking at, she was extremely excited when glancing around.

I remembered that I’d said that I would participate in the Harvest festival for the first time, thus I used a lot of money for the sake of Emily.

And to that Emily, she stood still in front of a small vending store selling small items. There were some accessories with threads and thin chains etc, all of them very really cute looking, and the size was just right for her.

This vendor is similar to those items where you buy it put it as your phone strap.

And Emily who was staring at all those, her eyes were shining brightly.

Looking at the direction she was looking at, I saw that she was looking at an accessory that is shaped like a bell, and I immediately knew.

“You want that?”

“Eh? You’re wrong, I just thought that it was sort of nice that’s all desu.”

“I see. How much is that.”

“3k Piro desu.”

I took out the money and gave the shop vendor, and received the bell like accessory. And I handed it over to Emily.

“Here you go.”

“.....Thank you desu.”

When Emily received it, she held it as if it was something really important as she held it near her chest while wrapping it around.

Afterwards, she placed it at the handle of her hammer.

“You’re gonna put it there?”

“Yes desu.”

After tightening the string, she slightly held her hammer up.

Clink, a nice ringing sound was heard as she held the hammer.

“Then it’ll always be together with me nanodesu.”

“I see. Then something like when monsters hear the ringing of the bell, they would fear it and immediately run away. It’s the Reaper(Shinigami)! The Reaper of Bell is coming!!!! And they’ll be petrified with terror.”

“Am I a Monster(bakemono) or something nanodesu!?”

After saying a suitable joke to her, we continued walking around the festival.

When we were walking around I could hear the sound of the bell ringing, and the sound of the bell ringing gradually symbolized the existence of Emily, and I came to feel a sense of security from Emily’s bell making a warm home.

But, that image was immediately broken.

Further away from us we could hear an explosion and screams, and after awhile there were people running from that direction towards us.

“Yoda-san!”

“Aah.”

The both of us nodded, and we both dashed towards that direction.

With the rhythm of the bell ringing as we were running, we arrived and a monster was there.

It has a sharp ear with green coloured skin, and it was leaning forward showing a bent posture. It was clearly a monster that resembles a <Goblin>—and it was huge.

Even if it was leaning forward it was still around 3 meters tall, if it were to stand up straight I think it would be even taller.

My first impression of it was a Goblin, and a giant at that.

It was that kind of monster.

From that monster, the people of the city were running away like a spider’s girl(huh?).

“What the hell is that.”

“I, I don’t know desu.”

“If only Celeste was here... Never mind, for now let’s do what we can.”

“Yes desu!”

“Wait for a moment.”

As I was about to jump out a clumsy male voice stopped me.

When I turned to look, there a young man with blood flowing out from his forehead was there.

The young man kept his head down, and talked to me.

“That is a <**Increase Goblin**>. It is an incredibly annoying monster where if you don’t defeat it in one hit, the damage you receive would gradually become stronger.”

“So it’s that sort of monster... If it were to surround us in the dungeon it would be an annoyance to deal with.”

We must defeat it in one hit, or else.

“It was actually locked up in the cage for use during the Harvest Festival, but when my child mischievously threw a stone at it, it grew stronger. It’s can’t be defeated by normal adventurers like you. You guys hurry and run away now.”

“But.”

“Don’t worry I’ve called for help—They’re here!”

The guy looked behind him, and showed a face as if he was looking at a God coming for rescue.

When I looked at that direction, it was the three familiar faces that I knew.

“Neptune, and also the two of them.”

“Ran-san and Riru-san desu.”

It was the guy who mysteriously acts like a homo, and behind him was always the two girls following him, and they were standing in front of the Increase Goblin.

“Riru, Ran. Can you do it?”

“Who do you think we are?”

“We’ll do it for the sake of Ne-kun!”

The three of them nodded, and Neptune was the first to move forward.

The formation was like a scissors, where the left and right was Ran and Riru, and magic circle was expanding beneath them.

On one side the magic circle shone brightly, and on the other it was as if darkness was eating up the light.

The both of them were chanting, and was casting onto Neptune.

“God Press!”

“Devilcase!”

Black and white, the two magic was cast onto Neptune.

The two light enveloped him, and from behind his back, wings spread out.

One white, and one black.

The wing was differentiated with two colours.

Zoku.

A pressure like feeling, even Neptune who was already strong to begin with felt even stronger right now.

And from beside me Emily was grasping onto my sleeve.

She had an unsettling feeling and was holding tight onto my sleeve.

“Let’s go, Haa!”

Neptune flew, and it wasn't strange, and the speed at which he was flying wasn't that quick either.

ANd afterwards he released an attack. He flapped his wings and jumped up, and pushed down his palm down as if it was crushing something—and went straight at the Increase Goblin.

Gugugugu... I could see that the body of the Goblin was dazzling.

Even though the palm wasn't touching the goblin, but I knew that it's as if an invisible force was pushing that giant.

Gushya!

A sound was herd, and the bones of the Goblin was twisting into direction impossible for the human eyes to see, and finally it fell down from it's back.

After Neptune landed on the ground, the wings were gone.

“Phew.”

Breathing a sigh, the people around us cheered.

They all praised Neptune for dismaying a powerful monster that was raging in the city. And from within the crowd a girl jumped out, and caught onto the side of Neptune while looking at Neptune with awe.

The tense air of the battle has relaxed, and instead the people's eyes were glowing.

Though we had no chance to shine for today, but it wasn't a big deal.

I then tried walking away.

“Oh, if it isn't Satou-kun. I'm sorry, since my friends are waiting for me over there.”

Shit, the homo spotted me.

I thought before he saw me I better run away from here.

But it can't be help, at least I have to do it properly—

“—Dangerous!”

Before I could think my voiced slipped out.

The Goblin that Neptune should've beaten gotten up and attacked him.

Neptune reacted along the attack.

He guarded the attack from the thick arm of the goblin, and he flew away.

“Nepu!”

“Ne-kun!”

Ran and Riru hurriedly tried to rush over to him—but the situation was getting worse.

Neptune who has flew away, only the girl was left there.

It was the girl who ran towards Neptune from before.

He can't sleep right now, he stood up but was still shaking from the impact of the damage.

Being damaged by Neptune, because the hit did not kill it the Increase Goblin became even larger and was about to attack the girl—.

Pan pan!

Before I could think my body moved on it's own.

I used the two of my gun and fired at the same time.

It was the combination of two normal bullet—and inside it was the ten Bullet Enhancer together with my the normal bullet.

Along the way the bullets fused into a Penetration Bullet and penetrated the Goblin. No, it wasn't just penetrating, it was something that couldn't be saved at all.

The 4 meter tall giant, it's chest had completely disappeared!

And the bullet continued flying, and the roof of the building also disappeared along with it.

“Yo, Yoda-san...”

“Aah... So it can even be this strong huh.”

Towards what I had done, I silently prayed to myself.

There were 5 Bullet Enhancer on each side and I fired a normal bullet, and then it fused into a Penetration Bullet.

And that firepower was way more powerful that I'd imagine.

And around the time I defeated the Goblin.

“ “ “U00000000!!!!” “ “

The people around me roared with passion.

In a hurry to see what was going on, the people in the city praised me grandly.

Chapter 67

Gratitude and a promise

With a cheering voice, the people who were about to return to the mood of the festival, I paced quickly to where Neptune was when he was knocked away.

Neptune who had already stood up had some dirt covering his face and his shirt, taking a glance at his whole body, it's not confirmed whether he sustained any injuries or not.

With Ran and Riru both patting the dust away from him, Neptune, as if it was an obvious thing to do, let them do their jobs.

"Seems that you're alright."

"Of course. Seems like I've caused some trouble. Even though I'm not suppose to make such obvious mistake, I have to somehow atone for it."

"As long as the girl wasn't in any danger, I think you shouldn't worry about it."

"But I still want to say my thanks. Thank you."

While saying that, Neptune had a gentle expression on his face.

The thing that he mentioned was that even with his one attack, he did not manage to defeat the Increase Goblin in one hit.

If we're talking about hand to hand combat, I think even with my S stats Strength, I don't think I can defeat it too.

But because of the new found bullet that I was able to defeat it using my guns.

"As one would expect. I've already known that you're a dependable man, but I didn't know you were even higher than what I would expect."

"Really?"

"That one hit was simply amazing, I was in love by that beautiful and graceful hit."

"As I said, don't give me all those dangerous words——"

“Oh I forgot to mention, those veins and muscles on your arms are just simply beautiful to look at. The veins flowing from your neck to your arms are just irresistible.”

“I KNEW YOU WERE A HOMO!”

“Haven’t I already said it before a million times, I’m not homo.”

“But the words you’re using are getting more and more dangerous as time goes by.”

“What should I do to gain your trust then? I know, if I swear to my beloved father about this, then wouldn’t you trust me?”

“Not only are you a homo, but you are also a father-con. Please don’t make your image any worse than this.”

“That’s rude! I’m not a father-con, I’m a mother-con!”

“Both of it is equally dangerous!”

It might have been a mistake to worry about this stupid guy getting blown off.

Getting lead on by his pace each time I talk to him, it’s really tiring for me.

“That’s right...”

Neptune looked behind me and asked.

I turned around, and saw that Emily was standing there.

“You, you made a new family right?”

“Yeah.”

“I see... that’s a shame. Even though I was so interested in recruiting you, but now it’s impossible to invite you and your friends too.”

“I feel that it’s very scary that you want to invite me over to your side.”

“Don’t worry, I’ve still not see you as that sort of person yet.”

“Again and again you do this!”

“Oh woops.”

Neptune said as he placed his tongue out and form a fist and placed it on his forehead.
This guy is 1000000000% a homo.

Fearing to pursuit this, Neptune hold the hands of Ran and Riru, and with a smile that could make people feel good, which would suit his sweet mask they went away.

Even though all I can see is a guy with his harem while holding two pretty girls... but I know that he is a homo because my sixth sense is constantly whispering to me.

And I would not want to be apart of his pace again, was what I thought.

Neptune then walked at the opposite way, and to Emily who was looking down, I walked towards her and talked to her.

“Yoda-san, good work again nanodesu.”

“Yeah, *I’m extremely tired too*(for a different reason).....”

Even more tiring than fighting the monster.

“What was the drop of that monster just now?”

“Hmm, aah is it this. Then I think it’s probably——”

I took something out from the pouch.

For the Harvest Festival, in order to participate in testing yourself in proving your Strength against the rogue monster, and without letting others see that I can get a drop, I can use this pouch that would automatically transfer the item into the pouch.

Opening the pouch wide open, I showed what’s inside the content to Emily.

“Isn’t it..... just a lot of normal bullets nanodesu.”

“That’s how it is. That Increase Goblin was originally a weak monster that was used in the Harvest Festival. Most probably all of the normal monsters that are from Shikuro drops normal bullets. Since that’s how Teruru works.”

“Ah I see nanodesu! But it’s a shame desu, I thought you would get a new item or something desu.”

“Well, I have plenty of chance to get a lot of new items.”

As I said that, Emily showed a sweet smiling face, and I took out the normals bullets from the pouch and put it with the rest of the bullets.

“Uhm...”

From beside I heard a voice calling.

Who is it this time? Was what I thought when I turned to the direction of the voice and saw that there was a girl there.

It was the girl who jumped towards Neptune, and I saved her when she was in a pinch.

I crouched and met with her on an eye to eye level, and spoke.

“Are you alright? Are you hurt anywhere?”

“No, thank you oji-chan.”

“I see, you don’t seem to have any injuries. Please be careful next time. Don’t go near the monster before checking whether it’s already gone or not, okay?”

As I said that, I felt that I was getting more familiar with this world.

In a world where monsters drop everything, a monster drops something if it has been killed.

As I said an obvious statement to the little girl, I felt that I’m really getting used to this world.

“Okay! I understand! Ummm, excuse me Oji-chan(uncle).”

“What?”

“Uh, when Amelia becomes an adult, she will be an adventurer.”

“So your name is Amelia.”

“Yeah! So that’s why Oji-chan, can you bring Amelia together to a dungeon once she has grown up.”

“Aah, I don’t mind.” I said so right after she said that.

Saying that she wants me to bring her along to a dungeon when she grows up, is a really adorable thing to say.

“Really? Thank you Oji-chan!”

Amelia, with an innocent face, exclaimed with delight.

I wonder if I can bring her along to a dungeon after ten years, while thinking about that I will await for that day to come anyday.

I who became a useless adult, I imagined that she would steadily grow up.
That wouldn’t be bad either, as I thought.

As I imagined it in my mind.

—Kiss.

Suddenly, I felt a soft texture on my cheek.

Amelia stood up and gave me a kiss on the cheek.

“It’s a promise.”

“Yeah, a promise it shall.”

Though I was slightly surprised by that action, but then it was just a child.

I showed her a kind smile, and pat the girls head.

From afar, the mother of Amelia was calling out to her, and as Amelia was trying to fix her hair down, she ran back to her mom with a pitter patter sound.

“A new friend it seems nanodesu.”

“Aah.”

It seems that I have my first candidate in the future.

Emily and I then smiled and waved Amelia goodbye.

And beside we saw the appearance of Celeste and Eve.

Celeste came back empty handed, but Eve was holding a huge sum of carrots.

Frankly speaking, I couldn't see the appearance of Eve at all, with that mountain of carrots that she was holding, I could only see her legs.

Though for Celeste, for some reason her eyes were opened wide as far as she could, and was watching me.

What's the problem.

“Ke——”

“Ke?”

“Y, yyou're getting married Ryouta-san!?”

“But she said when she grown up, you promised her——”

“Aah, that is——”

“Uuu..... don't tell me I was one step behind.”

“Eh?”

What kind of weird thing is she saying?

What was being ahead? Is she saying that Amelia was one step ahead of her?

But why, Celeste was extremely down, it's as if her face was showing that tomorrow's the end of the world.

And she was being comforted by the girl with a mountain of carrots.

“Don't mind. I'll give you the roots of the carrot.”

“Hearing a half-hearted kindness is haaaaard.....”

Celeste, who seemed to have lost a screw in her head, ran away in a burst of speed, with her crying voice disappearing into the distance.

Chapter 68

Trust

Celeste who finally returned, *normally and obediently came back.*

The beautiful girl with a luscious long hair which makes her look like a model, I can't help but look at her in awe.

"Sorry for the wait, it seems that there are some abnormal occurrence in Teruru Dungeon's Drowsy Slimes, it took some time before I was done with it."

"Abnormal occurrence?"

"Occasionally, dungeons would spawn a huge sum of the same monster at the same time. Don't you know about it?"

"It can't be help nanodesu, normally you won't notice that there would be an abnormal occurrence happening desu. And with everyone partaking in the festival, fewer people would dive into the dungeon making it harder to notice desu."

I was convinced when Emily explained it for me.

Normally there would be adventurers diving into dungeons daily. Though we do not know when the abnormal occurrence would come, but the fate of those insects would be crushed by adventurers who are already used to the motion of defeating monsters in the dungeon hundreds of thousands of times.

"Are you okay with that."

"Bunny has finally seen heaven."

As usual for Eve who was buried by a mountain of carrots. It is no longer Eve but carrots.

"It's so cool that there are a lot desu."

“The salvation of carrots.”

“Wow, it makes me wanna make some dishes desu-”

Huh, for some reason Emily said that in a monotonous voice.

“Emily?”

“I really want to make some dish using carrots desu-”

“Eat more carrots!”

Eve as usual said some eve-like words.

“I’ll immediately make some now desu– Maybe some green peppers stuffed with carrots would be great desu—”

“Fuoooooooo. Ha, Bunny has a suggestion. How about stuffing carrots inside of a carrot.”

“No wait, wouldn’t that just be carrots.”

“I wonder how it would turn out to be.”

Celeste and I both looked at each other and bitterly smiled.

“Yes desu~~, Thus in order to make those dishes I’ll head back first desu~”

“Un!”

“I want Celeste-san and Yoda-san to go around first desu. Besides Eve who wants carrots nobody else is allowed to come home first nanodesu.”

“Wait why are we prohibited.”

“.....Ha.”

While bitterly laughing I looked beside me, and I saw that Celeste somehow knew about something and sighed.

Emily then winked at her, and brought Eve back home.

“Wha, what’s with that.”

“Well Emily..... Even though she doesn’t have to do that.”

“Well it should be fine, since Emily is really good at cooking. You’ll never know if we see a carrots stuffed into another carrot and we would go “Wooooow”. You should also know how great she is.”

“I know but... I understand but that’s not what I mean.”

“???”

Why was Celeste fidgeting while saying that.

“It’s alright, I trust in Emily.” I said as I cut her off.

Celeste who was shocked, this time showed an adorable look. (´ • ω • `)

“I’m jealous.”

“Huh?”

“I’m jealous of Emily, because you would go that far as to trust her. Even I—”

“What are you saying, I would also trust Celeste too.”

“——Eh?”

Again Celeste was shocked. It’s like a roller coaster of emotions being shown on her face.

“You... trust in me?”

“Yeap... For example the Increase Goblin. You should know what I’m talking about.”

“Eh, yeah. It’s a monster from <**Germanium Dungeon**> eighth floor. Even though it’s an extremely weak monster, but if you cannot defeat it in one hit it would restore back it’s HP to full and would become even stronger than before, it’s those sort of annoying

monster. Well, although it's pretty harmless for high level adventurers, but if you were to "rear" it into a rogue monster, it can be used for other things. Just so you know the drop is green pepper, it's not really a great way to earn money too."

The usual informational Celeste is back, as she was explaining to me about the Increase Goblin that I've just defeated a moment ago.

Even though I just said the name, she could already give me an in-depth explanation about the monster from the location to what it drops.

Whereas if I asked Emily she would respond with a "I'm not sure" face which is a great contrast to the both of them.

"And also."

"Eh? Is there anything else about the Increase Goblin?"

"No not that, it's about Celeste."

"Fue?"

"It's obvious that Celeste has an extremely strong wide range magic with incredible power and in our family you're the most reliable, plus your knowledge is vast too. If I'm not mistaken, Celeste has already remembered each and every monster in Shikuro's dungeon in your head right?"

"Eh, yeah. The moment I came to the city, I went around and remembered everything."

In spite of that, she had an expression as of "And what's wrong with that?".

I'm pretty sure that she hasn't realised just how amazing she actually is.

And that made me even more positive than before.

"That's awesome. It's to the point where if Celeste is not around, I can't think anymore."

"Th, that means... you need me because, I'm... important?"

Celeste said as she spoke each words slowly.

“Of course. Aren’t we always friends?”

“.....Ryouta-san.”

Celeste stared at me for a really long time, and suddenly she can’t help but laughed earnestly.

“You do know that what you’re saying is really horrible?”

“Wait... horrible?! In what?”

“The phrase, “We’ll always be friends”.”

What’s wrong about that.

“Fufu..... but that’s alright. I won’t think too much about it. As long as I don’t give up now.”

“O, Ou. Giving up in?”

“What’s more, I will work even harder than before from now on.”

As Celeste said that she naturally smiled, and I inadvertently looked at her.

“.....Uh, okay. Good luck with that.” I said as I was speechless.

As the conversation seemed to be over, we went around and enjoyed the festival before going back home.

Aside from that, the dish where you stuff carrots into a carrot was really made.

“ “Fuoooooooo” “ Celeste and I groaned as we looked at each other.



The next day, the south end of Shikuro, the Harvest Festival arena.

There were a lot of people gathering around to watch me and Celeste fighting a High Guts Slime.

Celeste casted and a huge magic circle was formed, holding her hands out she ignited the words with “Inferno”.

The flame burned the High Guts Slime—and then Celeste squeezed her hand into a fist.

The flames suddenly vanished, and one could see the Slime being burnt black and was about to die.

I then used my normal bullet, and dealt the final blow.

The crowds roared in joy.

With adventurers and normal bystanders, and also tourists, all of them were gathered around at the arena.

“That Nee-chan is amazing, the High Guts Slime must’ve reflected that huge damage back. But she was uninjured.”

“She used such strong magic, plus making fine adjustments here and there. If I were to face with that monster without any technique, I would’ve not come out unscathed.”

“Celeste from Ryouta Family... having such high level magic without a name is...”

“It’s as if they are completely trusting her for everything, she might as well be the true leader of the family.”

“Hey, check it out.”

The girl who was struggling in burning mountains of trash, was now being praised wildly by everyone, and she turned around smiling while waving at everyone.

And, I somehow skipped a beat.

Chapter 69

Level 1 Girl

The last day of the Harvest Festival.

With my friends doing different things on their own, I leisurely went around the city.

As usual, Shikuro is still a never changing city where it's busy during the festival.

While I was glossing over the city, one shop had my interest.

It was a tent built like a huge tennis court, and from within I could hear yellow screams and someone contesting.

On the other hand, people working at the shop do not appear to mind the screaming or hesitating even when listening to that sound, instead they were making a fuss as much as possible to lure them in.

I was wondering what's happening when I turn to that direction someone spoke to me.

"Monster House? What's that?"

"This is an attraction for kids you see."

"Oh it's Elza."

Elza was the one who spoke to me.

The girl who wore a shopkeeper's uniform that was pleasant to the eyes, and with her usual delightful smile she looked at me.

"Are you interested in the Monster house?"

"Yeah, what kind of attraction is that?"

"To put it simply, we bring in special type monster that deals no damage to humans into this attraction. It's rather popular with the kids these days. Since the kids all look

up to adventurers.”

“Heh..... There’s even monsters that would deal no damage to humans huh. Then wouldn’t that monster be an all-you-can-hunt type of monster?”

“That’s why the drop is sold for a really cheap price.”

“Ah, I see.”

Is it something similar to a haunted house then?

It’s usually seen in Manga’s which have ghosts, where if the character can summon spirits and make a safe and real haunted house by making good use of their ability, but I guess it seems to be similar to that.

In actuality, there’s an entrance and an exit, where you can see a primary school boy coming out from the exit feeling really excited and pleading their parents that they wanted to go for another round.

Since I understood all of that, I started walking away from the Monster House, and Elza follow suit alongside me.

“That outfit, are you currently on duty?”

“Yes, but it’s alright. Though it’s the same with yesterday and the day before yesterday, there wouldn’t be much customers as the Harvest Festivals going on. Everyone’s currently enjoying the festival.”

“I see.”

“Would you mind if I were to bring you somewhere? Our place have really delicious tea and snacks.”

“Are you sure? I didn’t bring anything with me though.”

“Well, I don’t see why not when Ryouta-san is one of our most loyal customers.”

Elza said as she was smiling delightfully.

If she said so then I guess why not tag along.

“Oh yeah, is that girl still around?”

“That girl?”

“It’s the girl from the day before yesterday. Because she wanted to be an adventurer no matter what so she venture out from her village, and it seems like she is looking for a party to join.”

“So she has an aspiration to become an adventurer, huh.”

“Yes. even after asking around they refused her.”

“Why though?”

“They just blatantly decided that she doesn’t have any abilities and thus rejected her. She’s Level 1 and her max level is up until 2, her abilities are weak to so even if she were to join in the fray she would just be a demerit to the party.”

“That is indeed sad.”

“Even though she could’ve been anything else other than an adventurer, but no matter what she said she won’t give up this dream of hers. I really hope she could find someone.....”

While Elza and I were chatting along we arrived at her shop.

She calmed herself down and went back into her working smile and reached for the doorknob.

“Well, come on in.”

“Sorry for interrupting.”

And from within the store, Elza was rustling on something.

And in contrarily, for the first time in a while, there were a team of three adventurers over there.

“Wait for awhile, I’ll make tea—-”

“Are you seriously going in to make some tea!?”

While trying to obstruct what Elza had just said, a cheerful girl’s voice echoed in the

store.

Looking at where the sound is coming from, a gorgeous and lively girl with ponytail with a bright personality was there.

She was right behind the counter, so it's a bit hard to see who she was from behind.

"Have you finally found it?"

"Eeh. But I'm glad, there's someone that accepted you."

"That's right."

"Umu, you indeed do have talent. A talent that shines brightly in the dungeon."

"Un? This voice..."

"What's wrong Ryouta-san?"

While not replying to Elza, I walked towards the girl.

And I finally saw the appearance of the girl who was hiding behind the counter.

A well dressed energetic elderly man was there.

I remember him. He was the guy who spouts nonsense like "dream" or "hope" in the dungeon, and he himself did nothing at all.

While brainwashing people, he made the other two do all the work till they were all battered up.

And the girl overlapped with the appearances of the two.

I can already imagined the future of that girl.

"Now, let's head to the dungeon for your dreams—"

"Wait just a minute."

While cutting them off, I stepped in front of the guy and girl, obstructing them.

Gazing at the man. The man who was being glanced by me frowned his eyebrows.

“What do you want?”

“I want to be that person’s friend.”

“What?”

“Towards me!? E, eh, eeeeeh? All this time I thought I was useless but why all of a sudden.”

The girl was shocked at the conversation that me and that elderly man was talking.
I can’t let this girl be deceived by some brainwashing (perv)guy

“Suddenly glaring at me and then interrupting me, isn’t that just rude?”

“I won’t hand over the girl.”

“Do you know him? Even so.....”

“I won’t give her to someone like you.”

“.....Myuu.”

With the shop being so few people, the atmosphere was getting way quieter from before.

Only the adventurer, the clerk, and the girl.

Everyone is watching over this while being breathless.

With a cold glare, the elderly man looked at me, there was a strong hostility on his eyes.

It was like he was saying..... stop interfering with me you brat.

Looking at those pair of eyes, I thought that I will absolutely not let this girl go with this guy.

Even though I can’t help those who were already brainwashed, but if I can I would stop them before they were being lead on.

I reached my hand on my gun holster, this is only the worst case scenario—

“Eeh—. Are you sure you want to be friends with Ryouta-san?”

Suddenly, a cheerful voice cuts into the tense atmosphere, it was Elza.

Elza said to that girl while putting her hands on her hips while staring at her.

“Congratulations, you’re the first one to be getting the most attention in being invited to the Ryouta Family, aren’t you one Lucky Girl huh.”

“Lu, lucky girl? Me?”

“Yes! Because it’s the Ryouta Family.”

“Yes yes, though their numbers are fairly low, but there are the hottest topic in Shikuro right now. And they’ve also helped out with the Dungeon Chief in completing some huge requests too.”

As Elza was continuing, her friend Ena came out from nowhere and added on.

She was also highly praising our family.

“Ar, are they such powerful people?”

“YES!”

“He is indeed amazing you know.”

Elza and Ena both looked at me and praised me even more—was what I thought but it haven’t ended.

“And that is the rumoured Ryouta • Satou.”

“And it seems like he helped cleaned up a mess that Neptune has made the day before yesterday.”

“Are you for real, is it really that Neptune from that Neptune family’s Neptune?”

Acting like those small number of adventurers who loves to gossip, they once again praised me even highly.

And because of that, the girl was looking at me with high expectation.

Her eyes immediately turned to the look of respecting and aspiration.

“.....Tsk.”

The elderly man clicked his tongue, after hiding from me hatefully, he walked away with a big stomach.

I guess it seemed that the girl who came to admire me was not suitable for brainwashing anymore.

In reality, the girl didn't even look at the guy anymore.

As Elza and Ena were both praising me highly, the girl has been looking at me with glittering eyes.

As that man left the store I secretly stroked my chest.

I was relieved that I barely managed to rescue a girl from being caught by the Black.

Chapter 70

A girl who was born from a dungeon

I hold onto the girl and brought her outside of the shop.

“What is your name?”

“It’s Alice.”

“I see, well my name is Satou Ryoua. Let’s do our best from now on.”

“Un!”

“Well then, I guess I should introduce you to my teammates first. And to also persuade them.”

Even though I’ve managed to take her away from that guy that works for the Black company, how should I persuade my team then.

Though I can’t foresee that they’ll disagree to this, so I guess I’ll just straight up bring her back and talk to them.

“There are two low level people.”

“Eh?”

Out of nowhere, Eve appeared.

The girl with a bunny ear and wearing a bunny suits, and with her usual ennui gaze she was looking at us—but, this time she was only focusing on Alice.

“I hate low level—”

“You can’t do that!”

Cutting her off from getting close to Alice, I in returned received the chop.

A ‘pechi’ sound came out from the chop, it sort of hurt.

“Low level is hindering me.”

“I’m not trying to interfere but please don’t simply chop random people.”

“But I hate low level.”

It’s true that Alice’s level is low. Even though her maximum is at 2 she would still be considered as having a low level.

“But it’s a no no, if you chop her—then I would not give you any carrots for a year.”

“———!!!!”

Eve is in a despair.

She fell down on the ground and did an **orz** pose, and her bunny ears suddenly lost it’s energy and flopped downwards.

Because the threat was too effective, I was worried in return.

“Wait it’s not like that, if you become like that I would become troubled in return. Uhhh, as long as you don’t chop her I won’t take away the carrots from you.”

“Really?”

“Yeah, I won’t be that horrible.”

“For the sake of carrots I’ll hold back.”

“Oh okay, if it’s like that then it’s fine.”

Eve then immediately stood up straight.

And she immediately approached in front of me and did an *extremely quick* chop.

Well if she can do with me then it’s fine.

“Oh right, I want to add her in as our team, is that fine?”

Eve then looked at Alice.

“Carrot, love?”

“I’m sorry, I’m sort of bad with carrots.”

“Then, it’s good.”

“Is that alright!?”

“Because there’s no competition.”

“Oh so that’s what you meant. Well I have Eve’s approval, I wonder if the other two would agree too.”

“I’ll convince them.”

“Un?”

“If you give me carrots, bunny would go convince them in return.”

Eve then stared at me.

With an extremely shiny eyes.

This is more of..... the eyes of scrounging for carrots.

It’s not as if Emily or Celeste would disagree, and it’s not like Eve convincing them would be any better.

But I can’t win against this ennui glare.

“Okay fine, if you can convinced the both of them, I’ll give you carrots for an entire day.”

“Leave it to me even if heaven and earth were to flip upside down and the stars would fall I will definitely convinced the both of them for you.”

“You’re strangely talkative and poetic huh!”

Like a Fanga, Eve went straight ahead. *(TLN: Most probably a dragon quest reference)*

As usual she loves wasting needless energy for the sake of carrots.

Though that enthusiasm is scary but for now I’ll leave her to it.

After Eve went ahead to convince them, I got a feeling I would have to properly tell them afterwards though.

But I’ll let Even who wants carrots to do it for now.

After Eve finally left, I turned and looked at Alice.

“Let’s go to a dungeon then.”

“Really!?”

“You’re sort of similar to Eve. Is going to dungeon really that great of a thing?”

“Un! That’s because, I was born from the dungeon.”

“Born from the dungeon?”

“My mom who was giving birth to me, while she was doing a job in the dungeon I just suddenly pop out and thus I was being born in the dungeon. That’s why I wanted to go to a dungeon ever since.”

“So you were born in the dungeon... and what’s more when it’s during field work.”

Wait, is it alright to call it field?

Well another name for Shikuro is an agricultural city, because every dungeon drops vegetables.

In a way it’s similar to a field work.



We came to Nihonioum.

Since there’s no one hindering us inside this dungeon.

Since this dungeon has been marked as a dungeon that drops nothing at all, so other than Margaret and the gang which hunts for “air”, no one would come here.

And normally it would be empty.

We stepped in front of the entranced and stopped in front of the Know-it-All board.

“Try touching this.”

“Okay.”

Alice did what was told and operated it. There her status appeared.

---- 1 / 2 ----

Level: 1/2

HP: F

MP: E

Strength: F

Endurance: F

Intelligence: E

Mentality: E

Speed: F

Dexterity: F

Luck: D

---- 2 / 2 ----

Vegetation: F

Animal: F

Mineral: F

Magic: F

Special Item: E

“So this is Alice’s current status huh.”

“Seems like it, since this is my second time looking at it.”

“Is that so?”

“Un, there’s nothing like this back in my village, so when I first came to Shikuro the first thing i did was to try this out.”

After Alice finished saying she stared straight at her own status.

To be honest, if I were to put it in one word for her status, it would be “despair”.

Her level cap is 2, and her abilities are all F and E.

Besides her Special item the rest of her drops are F so she won’t be “Final F” but, if her Vegetation is F then there is no point in coming to Shikuro at all.

Thus I sort of understand why even if she were to plead for others to let her join their

party, they flat out refused her.

Thus I thought of various things.

I was thinking back about the things that I've done before.

After leveling up once for her, and letting her eat the dropped Magical Fruit from the rogue monster and gaining two magic, and also using various equipments and potion to boost her drop.

For now I guess this is fine.

If it's like that, then she should be able to fight in dungeons.

"What's wrong?"

"It's nothing, I'm just forming a plan. For now let's go in first. To up your level."

"Un!"



Today, there's nobody in Nihonium's first floor.

I thought that Margaret and co would be here doing their air business, but I guess not.

"Uwaa....."

"What's the matter?"

"This is amazing, dungeons are indeed awesome."

"Amazing?"

"Un! It seems so calm."

"Is it that calming in a place like this..."

It was sort of a weird sensation for me.

There are a lot of types in the dungeon.

When you first look at Nihonium you would immediately think of a limestone cave, where from the ground till the ceiling it's a cave-like place full of rock pillars.

There was never a time I felt calm when diving into Nihonium.

“What’s more the air is somewhat nostalgic.”

“.....Maybe it’s because you were born from a dungeon.”

“Is that so! I’m glad that I came to a dungeon...”

As Alice sighed in relieved, then she murmured deeply.

“Well then, let’s go ahead and defeat some monsters.”

“Let’s go over there then.”

Out of nowhere, as if she wouldn’t get lost, Alice turned around and ran straight ahead.

“Eh?”

“Eh? Is over there a no no?”

“No it’s not that but, why there.”

“Well that’s because there are a lot of monsters over there.”

I’m well versed when it comes to the first floor of Nihonium, because of how many times I’ve come here, the place where monsters would spawn, the place where monsters would ambush, and the one place where there is an extremely high rate of monsters spawning.

The *place* where Alice wanted to go, is an area where Skeleton’s gathered there the most.

Of course you won’t be able to see it from here, and you won’t feel any presence either. But, it’s as if Alice knew about it and just said it.

“Have you been here before?”

“No. Huh? Then why would I know huh.”

Alice herself is now puzzled.

“Know about it? Didn’t you know about it?”

“Yeah. It’s like I knew that there would be alot of monsters over there.”

“Is that because you’re born from the dungeon?”

“That might be the case!”

Instead of deeply thinking about it, she just ignored it and smiled instead.

“.....Then would you know the place where there are no monsters around?”

“I know but... why?”



Let’s think what happened just now.

After that, 20 minutes has passed, with Alice’s guidance we walked, and until now there are no Skeletons around at all.

After Alice said “let’s go to a path where there’s no monster”, as what she said there are no monsters around at all.

“Hey, why are we doing this/ Aren’t we supposed to be fighting monsters?”

Alice then tilted her head.

She still doesn’t realise just how awesome she is right now.

For adventurers, it’s freaking amazing to not encounter those annoying monsters for 20 minutes.

For me who has been memorizing the path of the dungeon, I still can’t do something as amazing as that.

Even though I know the exact point of where they would spawn, but since the monsters would move around randomly, they would not always be at the same spot.

No matter how many times I walk I would definitely encounter at least one of them.

“That’s awesome.”

“Eh, what is?”

“Being an airhead is something to be feared.”

“???”

Alice tilted her head in puzzlement, and a “?” was floating on top of her head.



“Amazing! What’s that what’s that! Doesn’t that hurt? Amazing!”

When we were heading back Alice was constantly praising me with the word “amazing”.

That’s because, there are currently 10 Skeletons surrounding me.

And the Skeletons are all attacking me.

Using back the method I used before, I utilized my S stats of HP and Endurance.

It’s a method where I don’t defeat the monsters and just pull them towards me.

“Alice, can you stay slightly away from me?”

“Un!”

As per what I said she stood slightly further away from me, then I took out my gun and loaded bullets.

With 5 Bullet Enhancers inside, and one Restraint Bullet.

I shot it beneath my legs.

The bullet shone brightly, and the 10 Skeletons was wrapped by the light rope.

Calmly, I went away from the Skeletons.

Though I don’t know how long it will last, but with 5 Bullet Enhancer to strengthen

the Restraint Bullet, it's probably gonna restrained them for a pretty long time. Since I want to know just how long it would last, so this time I will test it out right now. But for now it's Alice's turn.

"I want you to try and defeat them. Though it's just my speculation, but if you were to defeat all of them, you would reach to Level 2."

"I understand! But how should I... it's my first time fighting a monster."

"Oh, that's right. Why not try using that rock over there and attack them?"

"This right!"

Listening to my commands, Alice took a basketball sized rock and lifted it up.

Besides it being large, it seems to be quite heavy too.

Holding onto that, I heard her saying "heave-ho" while lifting it up and attacking one of the restrained Skeleton.

Attacking the defenseless Skeleton, the bones cracked and it turned into dust.

"I did it!"

"Then do the same thing to the rest of them."

"Un!"

Like so, she defeated the Skeletons one by one.

Even though the rock was heavy and it took some time for her to hit, but in that time the Restraint bullet did not wear off, and in around 5 minutes she managed to defeat all 10 of the Skeletons.

"Ah."

"Did you level up?"

"Un!"

I then brought the overly excited Alice outside the dungeon, and asked her to check

her status at the Know-It-All board.

---- 1 / 2 ----

Level: 2/2

HP: F

MP: D

Strength: F

Endurance: F

Intelligence: E

Mentality: E

Speed: F

Luck: D

---- 2 / 2 ----

Vegetation: F

Animal: F

Mineral: F

Magic: F

Special Item: E

Based on what I remembered, only her MP increased, the rest had no changes.

With this she has reached her level cap which is sort of painful, but with her MP increased, let's move on to the next step and let her have a Magical Fruit.

Wait no, if only her MP has been raised, is it best for her to eat the Magic Fruit and return her level to 1 forever?

If her level returns to 1 then her MP would fall from D to E, and in return she would learn a great deal of magic.

There might be that possibility.

"Well, we can just slowly think about that."

"Hey hey, can we go back in?"

"Did you drop something?"

“That’s not it, just now those boney were telling me to quickly go in.”

“They told you? You mean the Skeletons?”

“Un.”

“But I did not hear anything of that sort.”

“But they told me that.”

“Fumu.”

Though I don’t understand what she meant, but I guess there’s something inside.

Saying that she was nostalgic when diving into the dungeon, and also knowing where the exact location of the monsters are.

Saying that she heard them talk, there must be something inside.

“Okay, let’s go back in then.”

“Un!”

With a brimming smile, Alice immediately flew back inside the dungeon.

While following her from behind, we went back into the first floor.

And immediately we encountered a Skeleton.

For now let’s use a Restraint Bullet to stop it.

“What are you doing?”

“It’s saying to defeat it.”

Are you for real? For some reason all I could think of is this was some kind of joke.

On the other hand, Alice was closing in on the Skeleton, this time she was holding onto a thin and long limestone and stabbed the Skeleton.

As the rock did not have much power, it took her a few stabs to defeat the Skeleton.

The battered up bones was about to vanish—was what I thought but something different happened.

The bones gathered in one place, and shone brightly and further condensed together.

“Wh, what’s going on?”

After the light became dimmer, I saw something new for the first time over there.

It was really small, an adorable Skeleton.

The size is like those gachapon machine you twist and get from inside, it’s like a deformed version of it.

It then moved, with it’s bones rattling it moved.

To be honest... it was extremely adorable.

“Un, let’s do our best from now on.”

As Alice spoke, she open her palms and let the SD Skeleton stand on her palms and talked to her.

“Let’s do our best from now on?”

“This fellow is gonna fight with us from now on.”

“.....Heh?”

Something impossible just happened right in front of me, for awhile I was put speechless.

Chapter 71

The smile that I protected

I'm perhaps witnessing something amazing right in front of me now.

Teruru Dungeon, First floor.

A Skeleton is currently fighting a Slime.

The Slime was originally from this dungeon.

On the other hand, the Skeleton—is different from the Skeleton that I used to see.

The deformed Skeleton then returned to being its original size, for some reason the form had a weird charm to it. The boney figure originally would give you a frightening feeling, but the Skeleton right now is kind of comical.

And the Slime and Skeleton are currently battling with each other.

“Go—, Good luck—”

Alice was cheering slightly further away.

Of course it's for the Skeleton.

Teruru Dungeon, in the first floor where there should only be Slimes, a Nihonium monster is currently present here.

Since monsters are supposed to be annihilated just by being in a different floor, much less being in a different dungeons themselves.

Having a Skeleton in here is something to fathom about.

As I was watching the fight between the Skeleton and the Slime, eventually the Skeleton narrowly won the match.

Though he won, but his arms are peeling apart and his skull is fractured.

“Amazing, <Hone-hone> is awesome. Aah, want to return back?” *(TLN: It’s the Skeleton’s name from the previous chapter)*

The Skeleton nodded it’s head, and a sound rose and dissipates, then it became to the SD sized Skeleton.

It’s arms were not peeled anymore, and it’s skull wasn’t fractured too, it returned back to 100% of itself and went to Alice’s side.

Alice opened her palms and let the SD Skeleton jumped on her palms, and rubbed on it’s cheeks like a small animal.

“You did a great job Hone-hone.”

Rattle rattle rattle.

Even though the Skeleton wasn’t talking, but it’s movements were comical, and was replying to Alice.

I then went ahead and picked up the dropped bean sprouts from the defeated Slime, and checked it.

It was quite the amount. From my experience the Drop rate would probably be around C.

Picking it up, I talked to Alice.

“Can you make that Skeleton big again?”

“I can~ Though it seems to use some MP. If you can, Hone-hone.”

Alice then raised both her hands up like a cup.

And the SD Skeleton that was riding on her hands suddenly became big again.

And it’s appearance doesn’t seem to have any injuries at all.

“So it even heals it’s wounds.”

“Un! Once it returns it will heal everything.”

“That’s cool..... Wait why is this even happening in the first place?”

“You don’t know? Aah, although.”

“But?”

“Hone-hone would always call me Onee-chan. I wonder if that has anything to do with it.”

“.....Maybe because it is also born in the dungeon and thus it’s your fellow comrade?”

“That must be it!”

Even though I thought that it was something crazy, but I guessed it from the content of the conversation.

But with that Alice was thoroughly convinced, Skeleton—no Hone-hone once again went closed to her side.

Though I don’t have any basis for this but for now let’s put it that way.

“Aah.”

“What’s wrong now.”

“<Puru-puru> is calling me.”

“Puru-puru? Is it the Slime?”

“Un!”

Alice then did a huge nod.

For some reason, her naming sense, I could sort of guess what it was.

For Skeleton it would be Hone-hone, for Slime it would be Puru-puru.

I wonder what she would name the other monsters, this piqued my interest.

Then Alice and Hone-hone, the three of us(?) then continued onwards into the dungeon.

Along the way a young adventurer who wasn't far away from us was shocked when he saw Hone-hone.

"Monster!? No wait, a monster can't be this cute right. What's more there can only be Slimes here." was what he said after he was shocked and convinced himself.

After a while we arrived at the location where a monster was there.
There was one Slime, and it was hopping in a vertical direction.

"Is it that? Who called you?"

"Un. Because it was asking me to defeat it."

"Wanna try it?"

As I finished saying I took out my gun and aimed at it.

"It seems that if it's not me then it won't work."

"I see."

I somehow knew it, and lowered down my arms in order for her to handle it.
Whereas for her, she let Hone-hone do the beating.

"Good luck Hone-hone, I'll cheer for you."

Maybe it's because of Alice's cheering, Hone-hone had even higher tension than before while heading against the Slime's direction.

.....Though I don't know whether the Skeleton had risen its tension when fighting its enemy, but the moment it changed into its weird and charming form, I sort of understood.

And thus the battle between the Skeleton and the Slime.

Because both of them are weak monsters, they would hit once and retreat.

The Slime managed to attack the Hone-hone's head off—was what I thought when it used its own head and kicked it at it.

"Is that alright with you!" subconsciously I tsukkomi it.

Hone-hone's skull rotated at a high speed whilst heading towards the Slime, managed to hit the jelly part and half of it was blown away.

The Slime was then defeated—but it didn't disappear.

Similar to what had happened to the Skeleton, its body shone brightly, and condensed into one spot, and it then became a Slime the size of palm.

Though its form didn't exactly change much, but it had an extremely adorable eyes attached to it now.

"Good work Hone-hone. Un, it's nice to meet you Puru-puru."

The Skeleton that returned to being SD jumped onto Alice's palms while making some rattling sounds, and the Slime which also become SD sized hopped vertically onto Alice's other palm.

"I guess you made another younger brother."

"No, this is different."

"Eh? Didn't they call you Onee-chan?"

"Hone-hone is a girl, so it's not *another younger brother* again?"

"You're a girl!!"

The SD Skeleton, Hone-hone's face—or more like its skull was slightly dyed in red.
Are you for real.....



Hone-hone and Puru-puru then knocked out a Slime.

Even though the both of them became big, they are both deformed charming figures, was fighting against the original figure, Slime that should act like a monster.

“Go go~~, You can do it~~”

Alice who was cheering for them, maybe because of that, it resulted in the both of them defeating the Slime.

The Slime then dropped bean sprouts and disappeared.

Hone-hone and Puru-puru then became mini sized and the both of them jumped towards Alice’s hands.

Even though Hone-hone was cute, but Puru-puru was also extremely adorable.

Based on the size, it’s cuteness is similar to a smartphone’s strap holder or a decoration that you put near your computer.

After the both of them won the battle, they were being overwhelmed by Alice, and jumped on her shoulder.

That increased it’s cuteness by another level.

“Hey hey, Ryouta.”

“Yeah?”

“Thank you! Because of Ryouta’s help that I was able to meet with Hone-hone and Puru-puru.”

“I didn’t really do anything worthy though...”

“But still, thank you! Hone-hone and Puru-puru also felt the same towards you.”

Alice who had a brimming smile floating on her face, and Hone-hone who was rattling around, and also Puru-puru who was hopping around happily.

Though I don’t really know what they are doing, but it feels like they are trying to thank me.

Suddenly, I saw a group that wanted Alice to join.

It was the elderly man who was spouting nonsense like “dreams” and “being moved”, and his subordinates which were the young guy and girl.

The guy and girl’s condition worsened from when I last met them, and a tragic feeling drifted around them.

I know that expression all too well, as I’ve seen it before back when I was working for the company.

Even though it was the Harvest Festival, but they still had to work even on a holiday, and without even noticing us then went straight to the next floor.

“Ryouta?”

“Sorry, I was caught up with my own thoughts. Anyhow I’m glad that you get to meet them.”

“Un! Thank you Ryouta!”

Alice did a big nod and had an extremely happy expression on her face.

Looking at her, I was really glad that I stopped her from joining that evil guy who was just trying to use her.

Chapter 72

The day where the dungeon drops vanishes

At night, while the city is still crowded on the final day of the Harvest Festival, I brought Alice back to my home.

A new and isolated three-story house built with the technology to defend against Magical Wind.

That was where I brought Alice too.

“I’m back.”

“Sorry for interrupting.”

I who normally came back, but Alice was also fearless and brightly came in too.

Following me to the steps to the second floor, there Emily and Celeste, and Eve was there.

Eve was currently seated and was eating something that was on an iron plate used to cook steak.

Looking at it closely it was actually carrots, she had an enchanted look on her face, and using the knife and fork skillfully to cut the carrots, she ate it one by one.

“Welcome back Yoda-san.”

“I’m back Emily. Did Emily make that?”

“Since Eve-chan has informed us of something good, as a reward I made a hamburger made using carrots for her desu.”

“Hamburger with carrots?”

“Yes desu.”

Emily nodded, and I went closed to Eve to take a look at that iron plate.

At first I thought it was just a carrot, but as I looked at the finer details of it, I could see the cut sliced had stuffings kneaded together, making look like the shape of a sliced hamburger.

Though the smell and shape was exactly like a carrot.

“Why is something like this happening again.”

“I wanted to try something adventurers today desu.”

“This was the reason bunny was born for.” Eve said as she was moved by the carrot hamburger.

“Seems really popular.”

“I’m glad desu.”

“I want to be able to eat your carrots forever.”

“Seems like you’re being proposed.”

“Th-th-th-that would be troublesome desu!!”

Emily said as she was flustered.

Though I have some interest towards the carrot hamburger, but I leave that for later.

First off, I should introduce Alice to everyone first—was what I thought but.

“A, adorable...”

While the carrot caught hold of my attention for awhile, I saw that Celeste was really close to Alice.

Her eyeballs were in the shape of hearts, and was extremely enchanted by her figure.

“Celeste?”

“Adorable...”

“Their names are <**Boney-chan**> and <**Jumpy-san**>.” *(TLN: Please read TLN Note at the bottom of the page)*

“What is this adorableness... Ca, can I rub it against my cheeks?”

“Eh? Yeah~ So the both of you, how about it?”

Alice was telling to the both SD sized monsters on her shoulders.

Even though the two bodies can't talk, but they further hide behind her shoulders.

“Aah, they're frightened by you.”

“Bu, but why...”

Celeste went into a state of “Gan”.

Suddenly, something came to mind.

I remembered the day when we came back from Selen Dungeon and was moving to a new home.

And I saw a lot of fancy dolls in the luggage that Celeste was carrying when she was moving into our home.

Maybe because Boney-chan and Jumpy-san looks like dolls to her, plus they move in a comical way, even I as a male thought that it was adorable.

And it seems that the adorableness has greatly affected Celeste.

That's fine and all, but this would never end and I can't properly introduce Alice to them.

“Alice, can they also become big besides in the dungeon?”

“Let's try it out. Boney-chan, Jumpy-san.”

As Alice asked them, the two body that was hiding behind her shoulders enlarge.

It returned back into the battle form.

“It seems like it's possible.”

“Alright, if it’s like that—”

“S-o-o-o- A-d-o-r-a-b-l-e~~~~~”

As I was trying to finish my sentence, someone cuts me off.

Celeste’s eyes were becoming more of a heart shape when staring at the two bodies.

“What a bunch of adorable little creatures, I just want to rub them on my cheeks so badly, No! Tonight I will sleep with them!”

The two bodies that returned to their original sizes became even more frightened and tried to hide behind Alice’s back.

“It’s alright, it’s just a sleepover. It’s just sleeping...”

“Judging from your speech, it doesn’t seem to be the case.”

“Slurp.”

“What is that slurp suppose to indicate!!!”

Instead of flipping out, it sounded more of like a tsukkomi.

Celeste who has an eye that really wants to *do it*, and beside Alice was the two monsters which were using Alice as a shield against Celeste.

It’s a rather surreal imagery currently.

“What should I do Ryouta.”

“If it comes to this, you might as well make it so they can’t be seen.”

“Can’t be seen... Okay I got it. Please turn back the both of you.”

Then Boney-chan and Jumpy-san turned back into their SD size.

Alice then proceeds to pick up the both of them, and went into her bosom so they cannot be seen.

“Aaaaah.....”

In that instant, Celeste's extremism died down, though instead it turned into dejection.
I have no words for it.....

"What a weird person."

"You're one to say!!"

Out of nowhere Eve appeared and mentioned, and while flipping out I tsukkomi her.



After asking everyone to have a sit at the living room, I once again introduce Alice to everyone.

"I'm Alice, nice to meet y'all~"

"I want her to be one of our teammates, what do y'all think?"

"No objection!"

Celeste was the first to answer. And the reason, I can already imagine.

"Celeste, please calm down for a second or they'll end up hiding from you forever."

"B, but. They're adorable alright? They're adorable? They are like cute little angels you know?"

Though they're monsters.

"I won't deny they're cute but. Then Eve—"

"I hate low levels."

"As I expected. By the way, Alice, do you like carrots?"

"Sorry, I'm sort of bad with it."

"If that's the case, then let's give Alice's carrots to Eve—"

“Bunny will give a million votes to agree.”

“One person per vote so do it properly!”

Eve being Eve, she’s serious in the most common things.

And the last was Emily, as I looked at her.

“So how about Emily?”

“Eh? I’m sorry desu, I was thinking about other stuff desu.”

“Something else?”

“Alice-chan, can you please make that Skeleton big once more desu.”

“Eh?”

Alice then looked at me, and had a face as if saying “what should I do?”

“Eve, hold onto Celeste right now.”

“Yes, you’re Ninjin.” *(TLN: Literal English using Jap)*

Then Alice returned Boney-chan into her original size.

Celeste who was restrained by Eve was yelling things like “Aaaah, as I knew it’s so adorable.....”, for now she has to endure it.

“Is that alright Emily?”

Without any answer from Emily, she went close to Skeleton.

“I knew it desu, It’s clothes is battered nanodesu.”

“Eh? Since it’s a Skeleton.”

At first it didn’t bother me too much, but the Skeleton’s clothes were in batters.

Since all the Skeletons have that same appearance, though Boney-chan became more

adorable but her clothes were still the same as the rest.

“Oh, poor you nanodesu.”

“Is, is that so?”

“Wait here for a moment nodesu.”

Emily then went up to the third floor with pittar patter footsteps.

I was wondering what she was doing, but immediately her pittar patter footsteps indicated that she has returned.

She brought a one piece dress along with her.

“Try wearing this nodesu.”

“This is?”

“It’s my hobby in doing these in my free time nanodesu.”

I didn’t know she had that kind of hobby... wait since Emily is capable of doing a million house chores, it really suits her.

Emily brought the clothes for the Skeleton to wear... but.

“Fuuuooooo.”

Celeste exclaimed.

At last, her image has collapsed.

Boney-chan who had a (´ • ω • `) face on her and wanting to return back, but Eve was holding onto Celeste without letting her budge at all.

It’s nice and all but... , I was staring at Boney-chan.

“How is it?”

“Is it bad nanodesu?”

“I think it’s cute though.”

“.....For real.”

Even though not as serious as Celeste, but Emily and Alice also “agreed”.

Is it only me then? I don’t think the *Goth Loli* outfit quite fits the Skeleton?

Yes, the clothes that Emily brought was a frilly dress dyed in black which is similar to a goth loli dress. Though it would suit any girls out there, but the one who is wearing it right now is all bones.

What can I say... I’m speechless.

“Since Boney-chan is a girl, it fits her perfectly.”

“Oh yeah I’ve forgotten about that!!”

Boney-chan was rattling around, but her white skull was suddenly dyed in red.

I myself, think that it’s not necessarily bad, but it’s also okay.

Well anyways.

Emily, Celeste, and even Eve.

I guess everyone agreed to let Alice into our team, and I sighed in relieved.



As the Harvest Festival came to an end, the city has become eerily quiet.

We were outside because I was sending Alice back to her house.

I let her stay at our previous 150k Piro 2LDK home that we rented.

It’s not that we didn’t have enough space *over here*, and I really wanted to her to stay with us but thinking about Celeste with the monster, I’m afraid of what would happen to them.

That’s why, only Alice would be living at that house.

Just so you know, they didn't seem to mind that Alice could become friends with the monsters.

It is a well known fact that there are people who can do it although rarely, even though it was rare, they were not surprised in the least.

"I'm sorry that you have to live alone."

"That's alright, I'm extremely happy right now. Since I had nowhere to stay previously, I was thinking that we would have to stay in the dungeon."

"Is it alright to let the two of them out in the middle of the city?"

My question was towards the one who was rattling and the one who was hopping around Alice's shoulders. Just so you know, Boney-chan still had the appearance of being battered up. Since when they returned back into their SD size the clothes would stay the same, even though it suited her but it would be a pain to always let her wear it each time she transforms into her original form.

"Yes, if I'm with them I don't care where we are."

Alice then smiled at the both of them and patted their heads, though she didn't directly answer, but I'm pretty sure they're happy to be with Alice anywhere too.

"Eh?"

Suddenly Alice stopped dead on her tracks, and looked at the opposite direction.

"What's wrong?"

"Someone's calling me...? A new kid?"

"Fumu, going to recruit another teammate again."

"I wonder, I'm not sure myself."

"Well let's leave that for tomorrow. Since it's getting late right now. So many things have happened too, let's get some rest first."

"That's right!"

Alice then nodded.

For now we walked together and finally arrived at the house.

We both went in, and inside I can still smell the scent of Emily.

The gentle, and warmness. Those were still remaining from the hands of Emily.

“Well, please go in.”

“Uwaa... what an amazing house.”

“I left the bare minimum furnitures here, so feel free in using them.”

“Thank you Ryouta!”

“There’s surplus rooms too, so don’t mind.”

“Yes! Thank you!”

As Alice said that, she had a smile wrapped around her face.

It was a smile that emphasized purely on gratitude without any other reason.

And I was slightly happy when I saw that smile.



Early in the morning, I was eating the warm breakfast that Emily made for me.

In the morning Alice came straight to our home, and also Eve who brought carrots as her ingredients over, and inferior to last night, though the five of us were noisy but we had fun talking for awhile.

After our breakfast, since the Harvest Festival has ended it’s time to get into the normal mode of diving into the dungeon, as I headed out of the home.

While heading towards the dungeon, something strange happened in the city.

Though it was crowded as usual, but everyone had a serious look on their face.

The atmosphere was different during the Harvest Festival, and it was also different when it was just a normal daily life.

What's wrong though?

"Excuse me, are you perhaps Ryouta • Satou-sama?"

Someone stopped me in the city, it was the voice of a guy.

"That's right, and who might you be?"

"My apologies, I'm a servant of Clint • Grey-sama. I would like to seek your assistance as we have an emergency at this moment."

"Clint... Oh it's the dungeon chief."

The guy nodded.

The dungeon chief is looking for me... I guess something must've happened.



"Yo! Glad you came."

Inside the dungeon association, I went into Clint's office, and with both of his hands he extended and greeted me.

"Come come, sit here for now."

"Excuse me then."

Being asked to sit at the reception sofa, the secretary then brought in two coffees for the both of us.

"Let's put around 10 plus sugar cubes."

"One is enough okay!"

"As usual you're such a discreet person."

Clint then put one sugar cube into my coffee, and put a mountain load of sugar cube into his own.

The sugar cubes on top of the coffee looks like an iceberg floating in the sea.

The sweet tooth Clint then drank it, and looking at him drinking gave me diabetes.

I then looked away and asked him.

“What happened this time?”

“To be honest, this morning all of the dungeon’s drop disappeared.”

“Eh? By all of the dungeons...”

“Teruru, Silicon, Arsenic, Bismuth, and Boron. The five dungeon that Shikuro has, all of their drops are gone. No matter how many times the adventurers hunted the monsters, nothing dropped at all.”

“...Are there any cases of this happening before?”

As I asked him back, I found myself frowning.

With a world that has everything dropped by monsters in dungeons, and in it now nothing is dropping.

This is an extremely huge problem, a huge case.

“None from my experience, this is the first time it has happened. Because of this the adventurers were making a huge fuss over it. As you already know, there are a lot of adventurers who hold the principle of earning money each day.”

“...Each day they are earning their income, and to do that they have to dive in.”

Clint then nodded.

Yes, the adventurers in this world hold a similar fashion towards the Edo period’s people.

If there are dungeons they can earn money, so many people who earned that money would immediately use them.

The only exceptions are the magicians. When a Magic Storm hits the dungeon they

could not earn any money and it would be common sense to the magician to save up some extra money.

Conversely speaking, most adventurers aren't like that.

Though the economy still moves because of that, and thus no such problem has never occurred to them before.

"What's more, those who want to create weaponry and armory has to collect a lot of drops. Thus those adventurers who can't get any drops are in an extremely bad situation now."

"I see."

"I can only ask for your help! Only you who has the power to get any drops—I can only rely on you!"

The dungeon chief, Clint then holds his knees with both of his hands and bowed down.

"Please!" was what he said.

Clint who bowed his head down immediately asked for help.

"I understand."

"Really?"

"I can't just overlook this situation, I just have to... I have to use my full ability to find out the reason why this is happening."

"Thank you! Really, thank you so much! Aah... I'm relieved hearing you say that."

The dungeon chief then take both of my hands and shook them up and down.

At the same time I felt a strong sense of gratitude and a feeling of relief, as well as impatience and puzzled feeling.

The case of the dungeon drops vanishing.

If I don't do something about it...

TLN NOTE:

Important notice, as you may have know, the names of Hone-hone and Puru-puru are like a pet name for the Boney and Jumpy. Honestly speaking, I don't like to type it each time as it's really repetitive and it's annoying to type out. Thus, I've proposed this to my supporters for feedbacks and they have given me some suggestions, but I want you to come up with a name for the both of them, I might come up with a poll and let people decide the names there, and then you can vote it, OR, I would see the names in the comment sections, which are tagged **#petnames** and then write what you think is a good name for them, I would look at all the comments and would choose the few best ones/all of them and then only put a poll and see what y'all would like. I wish there were something easier for me to work on this, but this will do for now.

Remember, #petnames or #lazytranslator... the last one was a joke.

For now, their names would be:

Hone-hone(Girl) = Boney-chan

Puru-puru(Guy) = Jumpy-san

Chapter 73

The Drop's curse

Teruru dungeon, first floor.

The All +1 ring, and the Vegetation +3 red potion, was being fully boosted towards Emily as she took her hammer and jumped forward.

Closing in on the Slime at an accelerating rate, in one move she countered the Slime and slammed the Slime with her hammer.

The Slime disappeared—but that's just it.

"As I thought, it's no use nanodesu."

"That's already the tenth one... and even with your Vegetation being A nothing dropped at all."

"This is something that has never happened before desu."

"That means..."

Emily and I nodded at each other.

With the existence of the rogue monster coming from the paper money, it dropped a potion that boosted the drop rate, with that used by Emily to reach the world's Drop A to test it out.

And from within the dungeon came Eve running towards us...

Her prideful bunny ears were drooping low, and her shoulders were drooping.

"What's wrong?"

"The carrots are dead..."

"Carrots don't die but... even the second floor is no good huh."

Judging from Eve's expression, I asked her to check on the second floor whether the carrots could be dropped, but it seemed that over there was no use either.

Eve was not the only one being depressed either.

The adventurers around us were the same too.

"WHY AREN'T THERE ANY GODDAMN DROPS!!!"

"This is bad, this is really bad. I won't be able to pay for tonight's rent."

"Tsk! Can't do shit bout it! Let's just go and drink!"

From around us we could hear voices cursing and also people causing an uproar.

Those voices were coming from the adventurers who were either coming here alone or coming here to get some money.

The people inside the dungeon were getting lesser and lesser compared to last time.

It was because of the disappearing of the drops phenomenon.

It's not because of the reduction of drops, but literally no drops at all.

Even though I've only heard about it from the chief, but actually witnessing it and testing it, it was way worse than what I'd imagined.

"Ryouta-san."

This time it was Celeste that came to us from outside the dungeon.

"How was it?"

"It's pretty bad now. Since people knew about there being no drops at all, the purchasing of goods has drastically increased. Now all types of vegetables are gone from the market."

Celeste who went to the city to check things out was speaking heavily.

Buying up goods huh, it couldn't be was what I thought, but I put that off as it was too early to assume things.

"That's bad."

"By the way, how about Yoda-san nanodesu?"

"How about me huh."

And just so happened a Slime appeared, and I took out my gun and loaded a normal bullet and fired.

The bullet went through the Slime and continued flying—and a bean sprout dropped!

"Amazing! Yoda-san has dro—"

I immediately covered Emily mouth as she muffled her words.

I hurriedly picked up the bean sprout and threw it inside the Magic Cart whilst looking around.

Luckily no one noticed when the drop appeared.

"Muguu... mugumugu..."

"Aah sorry, please don't speak so loudly."

"Mugu."

As Emily nodded, I released my hand from her mouth.

"Fuuhaa... I thought I was gonna die desu."

"Sorry, sorry. Celeste and Eve too, please keep quiet about this."

"Of course."

"Bunny demands if you want to stop bunny."

"I'll give you double once this is all over."

Eve nodded, gosh she's easy.

"But why though? Only Yoda-san... is it because of *that* desu?"

"That... that's mostly likely the case."

Emily and I both nodded in unison.

Both of our heads were thinking about the "Drop S".

"Even A wasn't working but only Yoda-san... it's the same when it comes to the rogue monster nanodesu."

"That is from Niho---don't tell me."

Something flashed in my mind, and I immediately turned to my back and ran off.

"Yoda-san!?"

"Where are you going?"

Emily and Celeste both shouted as they followed me out.

When we came out of Teruru we saw Alice.

"Ryouta? Why are you in such a hurry?"

"Good that you're here Alice! You were saying something about "New child?" last night right?"

"Y, yeah. Though I've said it..."

"Where did it come from?"

"Etto... Over there?"

Alice circled around and around, then pointed at the right hand of the direction.

"There... I knew it!"

“Aah, Ryouta wait!”

Before Alice could speak I cut her off and started running.

Full speed ahead I ran—and arrived at Nihonium.

“Haah... Haah... If what I thought was correct.”

While trying to calm my breathing, I took out both my buns and loaded them with bullets and afterwards went straight into the dungeon.

Nihonium, first floor.

Usually it would be a place infested with Skeletons, but now not one can be seen at all.

Even as I walked further in, not one monster was present at all.

I’m familiar with this situation.

“It’s a Dungeon Master huh.”

As I recalled back when all the monsters disappeared in a dungeon.

And if it were to be there for a long period of time it could change the entire dungeon’s food chain—It’s the Master of the Dungeon.

When that appeared... it was the same back when I was in Selen.

This time it’s Nihonium’s Dungeon Master.

This time it’s a situation where only I can get the drop in the whole of Shikuro.

“What that means, the reason why all the drops had gone missing was because of this Dungeon Master?”

Though I don’t have proof, but this was the only explanation I could come up with.

But.

The atmosphere around Nihonium is the exact same feeling I gotten when I was in Selen. It was the same atmosphere when a Dungeon Master were to spawn.

What's more... It was the feeling I've gotten when I was leaving the house this morning.

"Why didn't I think of this sooner. Geez!!"

While cursing to myself, I continued venturing into the dungeon.

It's as I predicted, I'm convinced that the Dungeon Master of Nihonium is the cause of why there's no drop at all.

Walking around the entire floor of the first floor, there was nothing.

The second, and third floor was the same when I walked around, thus I head down to the fourth floor.

"Mu."

The moment I step foot onto this floor, I could feel something that I've never felt besides when I encountered the Dungeon Master.

I'm not mistaken---It must be this floor.

I stopped dead on my tracks, and changed some bullets.

Normal bullet, Freeze Bullet, Flame Bullet, Healing Bullet, Restraint Bullet, and lastly Homing Bullet.

I loaded all 6 bullets that I have inside.

This would be the first time fighting this Dungeon Master, since I have no information whatsoever, thus I have to be prepared when the time comes.

Afterwards, I followed towards the presence that I felt from the Dungeon Master.

As I walked for awhile---I found it.

It's a monster with a form of a human shape.

It's height was around 160cm, and it looked like a girl.

With a hair reaching the ground easily—It's probably 20 meter or longer.

She wasn't wearing anything, completely naked.

Though, I didn't harbor any perverted thoughts at all, rather I'm sensing a chill which made me stood straight up.

This and that, I see that it had no expression, with it's pale skin and emptying phosphorescence.

I can't feel any liveliness from it, instead the feeling was similar to a zombie or a spirit type.

“So this is the Dungeon Master, does it talk?”

“.....”

Even though I aimed at it with my gun, it didn't respond at all.

Because it had an appearance of a human I thought for a second I could strike a conversation with it—but I guess I was wrong.

The Dungeon Master's whole body suddenly shook.

“——-!”

The next moment the phosphorescent was right in front of me, and I instinctively used both my arms to cross guard.

I then took a full blow from the attack and was sent flying away.

Then, I adjusted myself and landed on the ground with my feet, and looked at the Dungeon Master.

Even with that guard my arms were shaking, plus my HP and Endurance being S, I still took quite a damage.

Though, this was easier than I expected.

Even a human-looking monster is still hostile until you completely knock it down.

I positioned my gun and fired.

I fired all of my bullets at once.

Though I can't hear anything, for now just go all out, but.

"It dodged all of it!?"

I accidentally let out my dissatisfaction.

Both my left and right gun was a total of 12 bullets and the Dungeon Master was able to slipped through—and since the bullet hit nothing it went straight to the wall behind.

Even the Homing bullet went straight to the wall.

The Dungeon Master suddenly jumped.

It's fast! This time it tried to jump high up and land a kick on me.

I placed my arms above and guarded, the shock penetrated my guard and it temporarily shooked my head.

I was blown away and crashed onto a wall.

I loaded twelve normal bullets and rapidly fired.

Again it dodged all of the bullets, but some of the bullets that landed on the wall bounced back.

The third time it jumped at me, but since I was starting to get used to it's speed I jumped back to avoid it's attack and again I rapidly fired.

Again all the bullet missed and some bounced back, and I did a front kick.

Though I managed to land a hit, but my knee was caught.

The kick that landed on it's stomach was pushed inwards, and inside it's stomach it seemed to swallow something in the stomach that is likely to reverse from the belly.

Strong, and what's more annoying to deal with.

Are there any other ways to attack it.

As I was thinking, I noticed that the leg of the Dungeon Master was leaking blood.

The leg that i kicked seemed to have blood.

The Dungeon Master then raised it's leg, as much as it hurts to see, it plucked out the blood using it's fingers.

It took out one bullet that was stuck on it's foot.

Did the kick really land.

What's more that bullet was from the attack just now—

Again the Dungeon Master's entire body was shaking.

This is the fourth time I've seen it, and my eyes were used to it.

It immediately flew towards me trying to kick me and I hurriedly countered it by shooting.

One shot to counter it. The normal bullet seemed to successfully hit the top of the foot.

Since the kick was still approaching me I took the hit, and flew away at an incredible distance.

I knew it.

Although it's not always the case, but only the moment it attacks—

A shock came from the side.

I didn't even know what was going on as I was blown towards a wall.

My head was spinning round and round, and my vision was blurry.

By the time I realised I was being hit by a high speed attack and was too slow to dodge it.

“Again it raised it's speed.”

I stood up while holding onto my knees, and reloaded the 12 bullets and rapidly fired. All of it was aimed at the foot of the Dungeon Master. It dodged all of it and the bullets landed on the ground.

Again I loaded 12 more and rapidly fired, and as expected all of it hit the ground.

“(￣▽￣)ニヤッ”

All this time the Dungeon Master had no expression but this time her mouth raised up a bit.

It was barely a smile. As it was trying to tell me... no no, that's not gonna work.

The next moment the Dungeon Master again shook. Another imperceptible speed attack is coming again.

I did not move.

With a light flash, it was being chased by 24 meteors!

“_____”

The light was caught with a scream that was never heard before.

The Dungeon Master who was sticking to the ground was in a way looking forward.

The right foot and both of it's arms were covered with holes like a beehive.

The Dungeon Master was looking at it's foot and arms and had an unbelievable expression on it's face.

"Did you not only use your feet, but also your hands?"

Kii, as it was staring at me. What happened, was what it's expression was showing.

"The first time when you were trying to pluck out the bullet, you thought it was the bullet that bounced back right..... you're sorrowfully mistaken. The bullet that you plucked out wasn't a normal bullet, but instead it was a Homing Bullet."

As I was explaining it, the Dungeon Master had an unintelligible expression.

"It was the two Homing Bullets that you first went out in response to your attack, the instant you realized. It instantaneously fell out of the wall and it automatically homed onto you. As I realised that, I just fired all of my Homing Bullet on your feet."

"——-!"

The Dungeon Master looked nervous, and looked at where it was standing.

The bullets that landed there, the hole was gouged big as the bullet flew out and changed it's angle.

"The 24 shots that I fired are all responsive to your attack. Because you're fast, perhaps even faster than me. But I don't think you would be faster than a bullet."

Reloading my bullets I went closed to it.

The Dungeon Master that had fallen sustained huge injuries, the body looked more *obvious* than the first time.

I positioned my gun, and fired the normal bullet that I loaded.

Almost the same time, the bullets *penetrated* in between it's eyes and chest.

Though it showed a hateful expression for a moment, but breathing it's last breathe, the Dungeon Master plop down and vanished.

The atmosphere around the dungeon finally turned back into the usual atmosphere.

"Phew....."

I wobbled, and sat down on my butt.

I've gotten a brunt of attack, and the last one was probably not just kicked but beaten up.

To prove it my a lot of parts of my body hurts like hell right now.

That was barely a victory.

It's speed was even faster than a S Speed human, and only when it attacked it materialized which makes it a tough opponent.

It really was a clutch victory.

"Ugh... I don't want to do anything for the rest of the day....."

At that spot I plop down on the ground, and formed a "大" shape if you looked at it from the top.

The dungeon drop has finally returned, as Emily who was searching for me told me about it, and I rested my body for a while.

Chapter 74

Trying to shape experiences

“Yoda-san! Is Yoda-san alright!?”

When laying on my back, I could see Emily’s desperate face visible directly from above me.

Seems like she was extremely worried when she saw the sight of me being defeated.

“I’m alright.”

“But you have a lot of injuries desu.”

“Don’t worry about that, you just have to do this—-”

While awkwardly moving around to take out my gun and loading the Healing Bullet, I point the gun on my shoulder like a syringe and fired.

The effects of the Healing bullet immediately took place, and the injuries that I had just a second ago were starting to heal up.

My body is awake, yeap this should be fine.

“I’m glad desu... What happened desu?”

“What’s more important...”

Looking around, somewhere further away from us, I spotted a Mummy.

“Monsters are starting to appear. Emily, how about the city’s drop.”

“Aah, yes desu. I came here to inform you of that desu. Just a moment ago, the drops of each dungeon has came back desu.”

“As I suspected.”

“Was it because of Yoda-san that brought it back desu?”

Emily asked me in a half surprised tone, and a half respectful tone.

“Yeah, just a second ago there was a Dungeon Master here. It was Nihonium’s Dungeon Master, and it seems like it was the cause of all the drops disappearing.”

“Ah... A dungeon that drops nothing appeared a Dungeon Master...”

“So that’s how it is. Though it had this annoying ability, plus was it’s ability to make the entire city void of drop a skill of his or a natural phenomenon, and speaking of influences, this was similar to the case of a Magical Wind, but this is even more impactful than that.”

“You’re a genius nanodesu. But Yoda-san was able to stop it once again desu.”

“Just barely though.”

This time it was barely a victory for me.

Well although I could find it’s pattern of attacking, thus if I were to encounter it again it might be easier to fight compare to today.

“Well then, time to head back and report then.”

“Wait a minute desu, it looks like something has dropped over there desu.”

“This is... the Dungeon Master’s drop?”

I then went to that area and picked up a ring on the ground.



Inside the Dungeon Association, the Dungeon Chief – Clint was holding onto my hand while shaking vigorously with it.

“Thank you! Really thank you! It’s because of you that Shikuro was saved!”

“It’s not something to make a big deal out of.”

“IT IS SOMETHING TO! I’m sure you don’t know about this, but the short time when there weren’t any drops at all, the items from the shops in the city were slowly disappearing.”

“I’ve heard of it from Celeste, because they can’t do business without vegetables, people were buying it up left and right till it’s depleting.”

“It’s not just vegetables, even other products were slowly being bought up.”

“Really!?”

“That’s how serious it was that everyone started panicking. If the disappearance of drop were to continue I don’t know how far this matter would escalate too. Hence why.”

Clint once again stared at me. And gave me a 100% of his gratitude through the force of his arm grabbing which actually hurt.

“REALLY THANK YOU SO MUCH!!”

“.....Well I was also troubled by there being no drops at all, so it’s something that was an obvious thing to do.”

“But it’s not mistaken that you’ve saved Shikuro. If only there was a way to show my gratitude... I know, I will give you the highest quality sugar you can ever fine for a year, how’s that?”

“I don’t need such sugar though !? Plus how much is a year’s worth of sugar?”

“It should be around 100K in terms of sugar?”

“Are you trying to feed me 300 cubes of sugar a day or what!”

“Mu, I see that sugar is too cheap that it could not convey to you. Then why not the highest quality of honey for a year... wait no——”

“Can you please let go of the sweet stuff already!”

This is bad, if I were to seriously receive the payment from Clint I might actually get diabetes.

More like ○○ for a year, rice cakes (1 piece) would've been sufficient, anything else would've been a matter of standard ambiguity for the rest of the year, which would be troublesome.

I strongly refused the offer from Clint, and hurriedly stood up and walked away from the Dungeon Association.



After coming out from the Dungeon Association, I was walking around the city with Emily.

“Oi, the drops back in the dungeon.”

“For real? What happened?”

“Seems like there was a Dungeon Master inside Nihonium, and it's because of that.”

“So it's because of a DunMasu huh, what a pain in the ass.”

Even though it was quite a frenzy just a few days ago, but now everything seems to returned back to normal.

After everyone knew that the reason the drops are disappearing was due to the Dungeon Master, everyone acknowledged it and continued their lives.

It's as to be expected of the reaction of these people that rely on the dungeon drop so much.

“As I figured, Yoda-san is simply amazing, you alone had already resolved this case nodesu. I would think that if Yoda-san wasn't here, the case might've lengthen to a dangerous extent desu.”

“I wonder whether it would've extended... Nihonium, I'm the only one going back and forth there, though once in awhile Princess Margaret and co. would go there too.”

“Because there was no drop hence no one would head there nodesu, so I would think that knowing that there would be a Dungeon Master would've taken them a long time to figure out desu.”

Well it's also to be expected as they don't even know the reason why it was happening.

"I will now go and tell everyone that Yoda-san has resolved the case desu."

"Please don't, I don't really like to be the center of attention. As long as the drops disappearance is resolve, it's fine as it is."

"Yes desu."

Emily's mood was suddenly down, it seemed that she was more raring to heed the news compared to usual.

".....Let's go to the dungeon, I want to test out the ring that we just picked up."

Trying to change the subject, I let Emily looked at the ring that I picked up as a drop from the Dungeon Master.



We arrived at Nihonium's first floor.

I wanted to head to Teruru, but since the drop has been revived, there were a shit ton of adventurers going inside, thus I decided to come here instead.

"What should I do desu?"

"I want you to wear this and defeat a monster. Please wait for a moment."

"Yes desu."

Emily nodded, and I once again wear the ring.

The size of the ring expanded, and since my thumb was the only thick one, I wore it on my thumb.

After some time we met a Skeleton, and I nonchalantly fired a normal bullet on it's head and defeated it.

The dropped item was then sucked into the pouch.

“Seems like Yoda-san has improved once again?”

“Un? I guess so, last time it took me some time to defeat a Skeleton even with a normal bullet.”

“But now you’ve defeated it with just one shot desu.”

Again more Skeleton appeared, and with one shot I defeated it.

A surprised Skeleton that appeared from within the wall was also dead when I shot it on the head, leaving it stuck inside the wall.

While Emily was tagging along, we walked around while defeating Skeletons left and right.

“Though it seems like Yoda-san has grown stronger, but it’s the same as usual?”

“It’s the same.”

“Is the effect of the ring not activated?”

“No it should be. Well it should work—-”

Around the corner there were two Skeletons that appeared and I fired two shots at it and defeated it before it could even react.

And seeds were sucked inside the pouch, and on the next moment.

A light shone brightly from the ring.

“Wh, what is happening desu?”

“It’s coming huh.”

My hands were stretched horizontally while my palms were facing upwards.

And from my hands light was gathering around it, and there a 10cm crystal appeared out of nowhere.

“Is this a new drop nanodesu?”

“No it’s not a drop. Try and take this and see.”

“Yes desu—Aah.”

The moment Emily took it, the crystal was letting out light and gradually it dissipated.

“Awawa, wh, what’s with this? It disappeared desu.”

“Calm down, it’s probably alright.”

“Probably—Aah.”

After the crystal dissipated, the perplexity of Emily suddenly stopped.

Instead of being perplexed she was surprised instead, and finally her expression changed into a happy one.

“Yoda-san!”

“Did it work?”

“Yes desu! I leveled up desu! I’m finally level 26 desu!!”

While nodding, it seemed that the effect was working as per shown.

“Why is it like this?”

“It’s because of this ring, it had a level counter where it gathers experience points from the wearer, and once you gather enough of experience it will crystallized into a crystal, and anyone who takes it would in return absorb that EXP.”

“Crystallizing experiences!? This is the first time I’m hearing about this desu.”

“So there’s none huh.”

“Yes desu! Amazing desu!”

Emily was in awe.

It’s usually something that would never appear, but because of Nihonium’s Dungeon

Master's drop that this was possible.

I was surprised because it was predictable.

Though in return I was slightly happy.

For awhile I was always level 1 and it was a waste having experience given to me.

Now I can finally pass on the experiences that are useless for a person such as me to my friends.

This was indeed a nice item to get.

Chapter 75

Level 95

I'm very tired... Featured Image credited: Hentai Ouji wa warawanai neko

Morning, the usual Nihonium.

Venturing into the first floor, I saw that Princess Margaret and co were also there.

There was a guy that looked like the leader, and his four minions, and also Princess Margaret herself.

It was the usual 6 man team.

"Yo Satou, we meet again."

"Yo. Looks like you're about to get more of that *air* I see."

Beside the leader, there was a mountain of Pandora Boxes stacking high up.

And all of it were shown to have Princess Margaret's face on them.

"Yeah, as we want to sell all of these today. So we need the strength of princess to obtain that dream."

"I see. Speaking of which, I've never seen you around these past few days?"

"Well, I was busy handling that business you suggested the other day."

"Me?..... Oh, you're talking about the time we were discussing about the ring."

Thus I remembered the time we talked about that case.

Because he was troubled by what to sell besides the Air Box, and I suggested to him to sell an item that has a tagline of "A ring that Princess Margaret has so graciously granted upon you."

"So, what happened to that?"

“About that... the dungeon that drops ring, half of the dungeon was restrained by a large Family.”

“By a Family?”

That reminded me of the rice situation last time.

Even in Shikuro, only in Silicon would you get the only rice drop from the Adult Bat inside the sixth floor and someone tried to monopolize it.

I guess you can say that these kind of things can happen anywhere in the world.

“They seemed to manage the shipment of every quantity and quality of items. I’ve tried many things but, there was a hierarchy in the dungeon and they said that only one place they could not manage it but.....”

“But?”

“There’s Dragon over there, I can’t even begin how much we have to train the Princess before she could be strong enough to defeat one so we decided on giving it up.”

The man shrugged his shoulders while placing both his palms up.

I’ve seen their combat. Their style is to let the four minions weaken the monster before letting Princess Margaret deal the final blow.

Even that final blow where she held the sword wobbly and thrust the sword with a weak push.

No wait, even though it was weak but it was kinda cute, thus I would give full(100) marks on that.

“You’re right, I think letting them fight the Dragon would be a suicide mission.”

“I know right? As for the Princess, she’s actually quite high level though.”

“Is that so?”

When I asked him back, the guy stroke his chest as if he was proud of what he’d done.

“Don’t be surprise when you hear it, the Princess’s highest level is up till 99, and now her current level is at 94.”

“WTF?!?!?”

“But for some reason, I don’t know whether some God has bestowed upon her or something but miraculously her stats are all F. Ever since her level was at 1, no matter how much she’d leveled it was still at F.”

“Is that even possible?!?!?”

“Well the living proof is the princess, having high level doesn’t equal being strong.”

That’s true.

Your strength doesn’t determined based on your level, but by how good your stats are. The proof was that even though I was level 1, but because I could use the seeds to up my stats, that’s why I became strong.

To be honest, I didn’t know that it was humanely possible that there would be people who has high level but their abilities didn’t increase whatsoever.

Level 94 but all F, it makes me curious to check her status on the Know-It-All board.

“Even though I’ve got a feeling she’s gonna up to level 95, but I get the feeling that nothings going to increase.”

While we were chatting, the one’s over there managed to defeat the Skeleton.

One of the follower guy went in front and used the Pandora Box to *capture the air* then with his little footsteps went back with the rest and escorted the Princess over here.

Though.

“____-”

The moment she looked at me, the Princess’s face was covered in bright red colour, turned and ran away.

The three guys that were escorting her were shocked and hurriedly chased after her.

“Wha, what just happened?”

“.....Now that I remember.”

The leader was staring at my face.

“Satou, I remembered at that time, you helped and rescued the princess.”

“Eh? Oh yeah, that happened didn’t it.”

“.....HAIZ, so that’s how it is.”

“Huh? How’s what?”

“HAAAIIZZZ.....”

The leader made an even exaggerated sigh in front of me, it was af if I was being pinched by a fox.



Nihonium’s second floor.

Since for some reason if I was at that floor Princess Margaret would just run away, so I decided to head down to the second floor.

Double checking that my pouch is indeed empty, and I was wearing the ring on my thumb.

My normal bullets was also loaded, after checking all these, I continued forward into the dungeon.

Encountering a zombie, I immediately killed it and a seed went inside the pouch.

Turning on efficiency mode, I went around the second floor. Basically when I see a head I pop it with my gun, even when they tried to ambush me, I used the least amount of effort to kill them.

After defeating 10 Zombies, a Crystal was born.

Because of this ring, whenever it hits the maximum counter for a level, it would accumulate the experience points and materialized into a crystal, and with that I can give it to someone to gain that experience points.

So defeating 10 Zombies would get me 1 Crystal.

Carefully keeping it, I continued hunting down for more Zombies.

As there were no adventurers inside Nihonium Dungeon's second floor, I could smoothly defeat the zombies as they come by.

After defeating another 10 Zombies I've gotten my second Crystal.

Though I think that it was enough, but just in case I went and hunt for one more.

And after defeating my 30th Zombie, I've gotten my third Crystal.

I'm not mistaken.

"So that confirms killing 10 Zombies would gain a Crystal."

I then took out the other two Crystals and arranged them on my palm.

The three Crystals had the exact same size, and since it reflected the light around the dungeon, it shone beautifully.

This was the first time I tasted an achievement.

Ever since I came to this world, I always felt that it was a waste of EXP as my highest level was 1, but now with this item I could turn them all into EXP crystals. This sensation of getting a crystal is different from getting a drop from defeating a monster.



After getting 5 crystals, I decided to head out of the dungeon.

Princess Margaret and co were already gone when I head to the first floor, I guess they were done.

After coming outside the dungeon, I took out the seeds from the pouch and lay them on the ground.

And leaving a distance between it, I wanted to hatch them into rogue monsters.

If I defeat them and get the Flame Bullets, my morning routine would probably be over, though it's not like my to-do lists has increased the slightest, with my routine pace going on as usual.

What that means, is that if we continue at this pace, I would be able to get 5 Crystals during the afternoon.

For now I want to increase the quantity of those crystals.

When I use the Magic Cart, one round trip would earn me around 40k Piro, and usually I would earn around 200k worth a day.

Following that, today's goal would be to earn a lot of EXP Crystals by the end of the day.

If I could do that without any trouble, it would surely bring a sigh of relief.

Whilst thinking about it, the seeds hatched into rogue zombies.

All 50 zombies appeared at once.

Already prepared my normal bullets, I continuously fired my bullets at them, and during the afternoon I can head back into the dungeon.

"Kyaa!"

Looking at the place where a zombie was present, I could hear a girl screaming.

This is bad! Did someone pass by.

Stopping my gunfire, I loaded a Restraint Bullet and fired.

The light envelopes the zombies and wrapped it around.

I immediately flew straight at the gang of zombies and used my fists to defeat them, and whilst defeating them I head for where the sound had came from.

When I arrived at the location, there was a girl where her butt was on the ground.

“Princess!?!”

Margaret was laying there.

Her appearance was the same when I met her at the dungeon, but the only difference was that she wasn’t holding any weapon.

A Zombie that was restrained tried to leaned towards her, but she could not get away from it, and she showed a horrid expression.

“Get away!”

I kicked the ground and furiously rushed ahead, the zombie grunted and tried to bit her while groaning, so I grasped the side of it’s head to prevent that from happening.

“You alright!!”

“—!”

Without answering, in return she hugged me.

No wait, it actually hurt.

Her small body was shivering in fear whilst diving her face onto my shirt.

“Don’t worry, it’s alright now.”

I gently held her waist and jumped backwards to escape, and with my other hand I held onto my gun.

Since I managed to save her it was already fine.

With my other hand I reloaded and fired at the zombie continuously.

The girl that I was holding was different compared to her selfishness, though it was easier to defeat the zombies.

But because it was different from usual, Margaret's shivers disappeared all of a sudden, and she was not aware that she was looking at my face at such a close range.



"You okay?"

After confirming that I've defeated all 50 zombies, I asked Margaret who I was still holding onto.

For some reason she wasn't answering me, but was blindly looking at me.

"Are you hurt somewhere?"

"....."

"Margaret?"

Since she wasn't answering me, I tried gently pulled her cheeks.

"Kyaa~"

As she saw my hands, she was shrieked and pushed me away.

I was hit by surprised as she suddenly pushed me, making me lose my balance.

As I fell, 5 of the crystals fell onto the ground.

Before I picked it up, i caught a glimpse of Margaret.

Her face was bright red, as she was frantically looking down and glancing at me every now and then.

"What's wrong, what happened?"

"No, it, it's nothing..."

"Fumu? You're not hurt or anything right?"

Nodding her head, the bright red face of Margaret was shaking her head up and down. I was sort of curious why she was behaving this way—but now that I think about it, the girls I've met today were weird.

Leaving that aside, since she wasn't injured or anything, I can say that it was an alright situation.

Since staying here would be dangerous, I'll escort her till the city.

Thinking that was what I should do, I picked up the crystals that had fallen to the ground.

"I, I'll pick it up for you."

"Aah, wait a mi—"

Without even the time to stop her, Margaret robbed my words away and picked the crystals up before me.

—At that moment, the crystals that was on her hand disappeared.

"Eh?"

Margaret was surprised.

Another one has come to know about the specialty of the crystals.

Seems like anyone other than me who grabs the crystals, it would immediately disappear. Same goes to Emily, probably the EXP went into her.

Speaking of which, what about Alice? I wonder what would happen if the girl who has the same max level as me were to touch it.

After meeting up with her I will test it out, was what I thought.

"Aah, I leveled up." *(TLN: She speaks in a really polite way.)*

"Seriously? Now that you mention it, I heard that you were about to level up."

So the EXP was enough to level her up huh.

“For now congratulations.”

“Thank you so much.”

“How about your abilities?”

Remembering what the leader said, my interest was revived once again.

Margaret then looked around restlessly.

“Know-It-All board, is there one around here?”

“If it’s here, I guess the one closest would be the entrance of Nihonium.”

Margaret then nodded.

Thus the two of us walked to the direction of Nihonium, and once we reached Margaret operated the Know-It-All board and her status appeared.

---- 1 / 2 ----
Level: 95/99
HP: F
MP: F
Strength: F
Endurance: F
Intelligence: F
Mentality: F
Speed: F
Dexterity: F
Luck: F

“Wow.....”

I subconsciously let out my voice, this was the first time I saw such high level, and a high level at that.

Though, the stats were really All F.

“As I expected.....”

“Un?”

“No no, it was nothing.”

For a second, I could see Princess Margaret’s sadness shown on her face.

It wasn’t my imagination, I’m sure of it.

I’ve felt that before where whatever you do, it would not pay off.

I’m sure she felt that way whenever she levels up.

I want to do something about it.

Margaret who was sad continued operating the Know-It-All board to the next page.

“Eh?”

“What’s wrong... Oh?”

---- 2 / 2 ----

Vegetation E

Animal E

Minerals E

Magic E

Special Items E

It wasn’t All F that was displayed, all of it raised up to E.

“It has finally raised, it has indeed finally raised up!!!”

Margaret was frolicking around while being overjoyed.

After leveling to 95 it seemed that her status finally went up, even if it was E it was

something huge to celebrate.

But, I was different.

Since I wasn't in her shoe I could not feel her happiness, There's something—no, i've noticed a possibility.

“E, D, C, B, A..... 5, 6, 7, 8, 9.....”

Using both my hands to count, I noticed a possibility.

Chapter 76

Infinite Mechanism

“By the way, what was that crystal just now? Is that the rumoured EXP selling that I’ve heard recently?”

After the excitement had settled, Margaret asked me a question that was unavoidable at this point.

EXP selling... Aah, was it during the time when they were selling something dropped from Mech Mouse during the Harvest Festival.

Even Though the monster gives out a huge chunk of EXP, but the drop is extremely inexpensive and is not in-demand.

How it’s used was to turn it back into a rogue monster and defeat it to get tons of EXP.

Though it was a totally different story compared to the crystal that I gave to her a while ago in a sense that the one that she knows was to defeat a rogue monster to EXP. Thus I’m not sure of the content of EXP selling.

“This and that is sort of different. Using the ability of this ring, Those who are already at the level cap, their EXP points would be stored into this ring and once it hits a certain point a crystal will be formed and that crystal could be given to someone to use.”

“So that’s what it was.”

“What’s more.”

I looked straight at Margaret. The Princess that was being looked at so intently had her face redden immediately.

“I want to help you level up.”

“Mine?”

“If my theory isn’t wrong, once you’ve hit your level cap, something amazing is going to happen.”

“???”

Margaret tilted her head in confusion.

Is she not aware of herself that she’s been staring at me for a really long time.

Was her common sense interfering with her thoughts, or was the long period of unfaithfulness of getting All F blurred her senses?

Level 99 with All A Drop rate.

I predicted that she would be the super type where her growth is extremely late to blossom, something even she couldn’t fathom in imagining it happening.

Well then, what’s the fastest and most efficient way of doing it then.

I asked myself that.



After an hour or so passed, a huge volume of bean sprouts was stacked in front of us. The place was just outside Nihonium, where a tiny mountain of bean sprouts was stacked.

The amount can be translated to about 1 Million Piro’s worth.

Just having a tiny mountain of bean sprouts stacked there was quite a spectacle.

Just so you know the idea of gathering the bean sprouts was me, and the one paying was Margaret.

It seemed that the girl was quite well off herself, as the more bean sprouts the better, she told me “For now I’ll prepare a million Piro’s worth then” straight to me.

Again, once more the amount currently stacked here apparently is the entire stock of

Shikuro.

“I’m sorry that you have to pay for it.”

“It is alright. What’s more, what are you going to do with all these?”

“Watch.”

Margaret and I then moved slightly away from the mountain of bean sprouts.

After waiting for awhile, one of the bean sprouts hatched into a Slime.

An outskirts with no one present, the Slime that was born had nowhere else to head but towards us.

The Slime tried to attack us, but I loaded my gun with a Normal Bullet and fired at it.

With one hit the Slime disappeared.

Afterwards, more Slimes were hatched. This time, before they could move about I fired my normal bullet to end them all at once.

And beside me, Margaret had a look of ambition on her.

“So you’re using the bean sprouts to gather experience points right!”

“Yeah, This is in a way how I gather EXP to sell. Well, commonly we would use the Mech Mouse to effectively gather EXP, but Shikuro doesn’t have them.”

The former merchant probably originally gathered it all from his city.

The Slimes are being hatched one at a time.

Those that were hatched were being one shot by my gun.

“This is really amazing, you’re always hitting the bull’s-eye. For me to defeat monsters one after another without moving is rather impossible.....”

Margaret then looked at me with respectable eyes.

Probably it would take a long time to increase her level, I had two reasons as to why I chose the Slime(bean sprouts).

The first being it is easy to defeat them in one hit, a Slime at this level would be easy to defeat even without moving, and I would have a 99% chance of defeating it in one hit.

And the other reason was——

Hanging on my waist was the pouch which I reached in to take out Normal Bullets and loaded it into my gun.

The pouch that would immediately suck in the drops.

Using that, whenever I defeated a rogue Slime, I would not have to move and could just take the Normal Bullets from the pouch and continue firing it.

Using Normal Bullets to defeat the Slimes, and gaining normal bullets after defeating them.

The whole point was to hunt at while looping infinitely with a perpetual institution.

Both the Slimes and the Skeletons were the same, in which they both need to be defeated 10 times in order to get 1 crystal.

And the moment I got them I handed it to Margaret.

Defeat them, collecting my self-replenishing bullets, and giving the EXP.

I repeatedly did the same motion over and over again.

Sometimes adventurers would pass by from afar.

The adventurers would all tilt their head in suspicion at what we're doing, and sometimes they would open their mouth and laugh.

Those who don't know the reason why we're defeating rogue Slimes would think it's strange, and people who think that our goal was to collect EXP would laugh.

As in this world, because it was common sense that you would level up as you continue venturing, so it can't be help that they are laughing.

After doing it for awhile, sweat were starting to get into my eyes.

I tried blinking several times to get it off. I guess doing this for a really long time would tire you.

At that instant, a nice scent drifted from beside me.

I was wondering what it was, but it was Margaret who was taking out a handkerchief and wiping off the sweat for me.

This scent is coming from the handkerchief? Or was it from her?

Even though I don't know... but the scent that I smelled was off fruit or flower.

"Thanks."

"It's alright, it should be I who should be showing my gratitude towards. This was the first time that I've seen someone gathering EXP in such a fast way."

"Is that so?"

"For I, even defeating one Slime would take a tremendous effort as I'm impotent."

".....Aah, you're wondering whether you can defeat one Slime even though it's health was chipped."

Margaret nodded.

"I was wondering at least having my MP increase would be a good idea."

"And why is that so?"

"While leveling up, I could learn a lot of high level magic to use. Something like the Life threatening magic "Eternal", or the Ultimate Flame God Magic "Phoenix"."

"I see that you want to learn some extraordinary magic!"

The image I had for Margaret was totally flipped 180 degree.

“And I want to learn roughly 10 of such magics.”

“That is getting more and more awesome!”

“Though before I could use any of them, my MP needs to be at least D and above in order to fire even one of the spells.”

“Dang, so MP was the problem. What a rough predicament.”

It's the same with Celeste.

While randomly chatting with Margaret, I continued hunting down the Slimes.

1 Million Piro's worth of bean sprouts, the tiny mountain was gradually shrinking as time goes by.

And I was still at my original spot since I started without budging an inch while continuing on my killing spree.

Rogue Monster • Slime, because I was using the infinite mechanism to hunt them, I was trying my best to keep myself aware of what I was doing.

Even towards the end, the Infinite Mechanism successfully did it's job

At the twilight when the sun sets, I shot the final Slime.

The last crystal also appeared, and I handed it over to Margaret.

“So how was it?”

“I got a feeling that it's almost there but not really.”

“Even with a million piro's worth wasn't enough to increase your level from 95 to 96 huh.”

“I'll order more right this instance..... oh that's right, the stock has finished.”

“And if were to head to the site(Teruru), the efficiency would drop significantly.”

No choice, we'll have to carry this level up business over to tomorrow.

When I was thinking about it.

"Yoda-san."

From behind someone called me, of course I knew it was Emily, but Celeste, Eve, and Alice was also there.

The girls brought a mountain load of bean sprouts over in front of us.

"What's going on everyone."

"Low level lied."

Even then snuck a chop at me.

"Eh?"

"You skipped afternoon's carrots."

"Oh right, I'm sorry! I was so engrossed at what I was doing."

Eve was sullen and did not say a word. The rest dropped by in the afternoon to help her in getting carrots on the second floor and handed it to her.

"Engrossed!? You've become addicted, towards that girl!?! No wait that's wrong, Ryouta-san would never become addicted to anyone in that way. It's probably the same as me at that time—wait isn't it bad to butt in!!"

"What's wrong Celeste, why are you doing a tsukkomi session all by yourself."

"It's nothing nodesu. What's more important is that we've brought more bean sprouts for you Yoda-san nodesu."

"Thanks..... wait what?"

"I've heard from other adventurers that Yoda-san was over here doing some stuff nodesu."

"You're amazing Ryouta! Everyone was saying things like "Is that the Ryouta Family's

Ryouta". I did not know that Ryouta was such a famous person!"

Alice was being excited.

Rumours.....? Aah, so those busybody adventurers saw what I did and went back and spread the word.

"Yes desu, because of that we tried helping you out desu."

Emily then graciously smiled.

The four of them who brought the bean sprouts was a huge sum.

Even though it was lesser compared to what we had this afternoon, but looking at it it could roughly be around 200k Piro's worth.

"Did you all go and collect it for me?"

Emily held her hammer up, Celeste then grabbed hold of her Bicorn Horn, Alice then let Boney-chan and Jumpy-chan return to their monster form, and Eve took out a carrot.

"That has nothing to do with me right!"

After using my all to tsukkomi Eve, I once again looked at the four of them.

"Thank you!"

Was what I said.

The four of them then smiled back at me sweetly.



At night, we went to Nihonium to check on the stats.

Margaret then went close to the Know-It-All board and operated it.

---- 1 / 2 ----

Level: 96/99

HP: F

MP: F

Strength: F

Endurance: F

Intelligence: F

Mentality: F

Speed: F

Dexterity: F

Luck: F

The girls were shouted in joy.

Because of the help of all of them, we safely helped Margaret to level up to 96.

“ ”

Beside her, I was looking at Margaret.

And my heart was pounding fast.

Will it happen? Or was it just a bunked theory of mine.

My heart was pounding even faster than before.

Margaret nodded afterwards and took a deep breath, then once again operated the Know-It-All board.

Gulped... I swallowed my saliva.

---- 2 / 2 ----

Vegetation D

Animal D

Minerals D

Magic D

Special Items D

Level 96, Drop stats All D.

And thus confirm my theory of getting All A after maxing her level.

My teammate were cheering even louder than before, since before that I've explained it to them.

"Thank you very much!"

Margaret then hugged me, she cuddled me tightly with her thin arms, and I understood that she was extremely happy.

I got tired after defeating the Slimes at a tremendous rate, but I thought that there was some worth in doing so after looking at her.

Chapter 77

Emily and Celeste

After helping Margaret leveling up, we went and meet up with the guy who sells the Air Box.

The place that she brought me had a building that showed a “Archive • Siha” on a signboard hanging on top of it.

It wasn't a private house but it gave off an image of a building that was used for an office or a store.

When we went inside, a guy was surprised to see me with Margaret walking in, but for the time being we continued walking in.

After passing through the reception area, we met the guy face to face.

“What does the signboard mean?”

“It's my name, which is also this office's name.”

“Oh, I see.”

This guy..... Archive gave me a faint look of an eyebrow, and alternately compared me and Margaret.

“Why are you together with the princess?”

“I was with her the whole time in order to increase her level.”

I explained what was going on to Archive.

After encountering Margaret's level coincidentally, I predicted that when she reaches to level 99, her Drop stats would be All A, thus we tried leveling her up.

The result was when she reached level 96 her Drop was All D, so it was confirmed that when she reached to level 99, her Drop stats would be All A.

At first, Archive had an expression of a dad looking out for her daughter, but he was surprised halfway into the story.

“Is that true princess!”

Margaret silently nodded.

I’m not sure whether it was settled down compared to just now, but the air surrounding the princess was exactly like her.

“For real... But still, it’s still not confirmed that even if she reached 99, her stats would hit All A.”

“Before she was level 94, all her stats did not increase and her drops were All F too. Is that right?”

“Yeah, but your point is?”

“when she reached 95 her drops were All E, and 96 all of a sudden she had All D. In this kind of situation her stats would definitely reach All A when she capped her level, I’m sure of it.”

Even though I wasn’t a human of this world, but I understood the various rules that this world works on when coming here.

Originally this world’s highest stats wasn’t S but A and following by this rule, so at first it does not grow at all but it will grow at a tremendous rate at the final stage, the ability would eventually become the highest.

That I’m not mistaken, it’s the same as after the war I will marry her or I die, or similar to when you drink cola and you burp.

There is no doubt that I’m correct.

“I, I see. I guess if you say so then it is. As you’re THAT Ryouta • Family’s Ryouta.”

Even though Archive was convinced by me, but I was surprised at what he said.

Even though I predicted that all of it was planned(オヤクソク), but I didn't expect that he would be convinced because I was Satou Ryouta.

Though I'm glad that he accepted it as it is, but it had a strange feeling to it.

"But... I see... so level 99 then All A."

"And various things could be done as a result."

"Eh? Aah that's right."

".....Are you thinking of something different?"

"Yeah, I have to think about raising the princess's level so I can use it to benefit our business."

I was like, "Oh Okay", while smiling bitterly.

Archive • Siha is a genuine business man through and through.

Even though I was thinking of how she could finally get drops once she reaches All A, but as for him he was already thinking of how to earn money using it.

I did not even think that far ahead.

Though I don't have that in mind, but the idea would come out if you give me an idea.

Princess Margaret who sells Air Boxes.

What she was doing was the same as a certain occupation.

"Do you know of a city called Alkyl?"

"Alkyl? Oh you mean the city where there's Mech?"

This was the first time someone described a city with Mech in it's name, since I knew of the Mech Mouse so I'm assuming he meant that.

"I was wondering whether we should do a tour with Margaret and the rest over there."

"Tour?"

"That's right..... I want some help with the leveling of Margaret, was what I was thinking. The Ari Boxes that you usually make could be process at Alkyl, and let those desired adventurers do them."

“You’re a genius!”

Archive suddenly stood up, and had a smile floating on his face.

“That’s right! If we let the Princess’s fan do it, it would be so much easier to level up and also earn money at the same time, that’s killing two birds with one stone!”

Aah, so it’s their fans.

I was satisfied that my idea was taken.

“Yo~shi, let’s quickly convey this message to the 100 thousands fans of Princess!”

“OMG that’s amazing that you have 100k followers!”

“Thanks Satou! Thanks to you we could make a profit. Please tell me anything that you need!”

Archive then grabbed hold of my hands and shook it up and down.

He definitely has a grip, well I understand that this was probably a calculation that can earn a lot.

As for the reward... oh yeah there was that.

As I was thinking about it, I smiled happily and looked at the direction where Margaret was standing.

“In that case...”

I told Archive about the reward I want in exchange for the idea.



The next morning, I wasn’t doing my usual routine of diving into the dungeon, instead together with Emily, Celeste, Eve and Alice, the full member of our family was at the

outskirts of Shikuro.

The place was exactly the same as last night, where I was trying to help Margaret raised her level.

“This is... amazing.”

“Carrots are stacked like a mountain desu.”

The two who were easily admired, as the place in front was a mountain that was the same amount as yesterday’s bean sprouts, but this time there were all carrots.

“So you’re Satou-san.”

A young man came over here and talked to me.

When I looked closely at who it was, I could recognized that it was one of the four guys who were guarding Margaret and helping her make the Air.

“Yeah, I’m Satou Ryouta.”

“This was the promised 1 Million Piro’s worth of product that you wanted.”

“So it was all carrots.”

“Since we couldn’t find anymore bean sprouts.”

“As expected.”

Since we used up all of it yesterday.

“So I’ve confirmed the reward, goodbye then.”

After saying so the guy walked away.

That was the reward I asked from Archive yesterday.

“Well then, shall we.”

“Yoda-san, that person isn’t here today nodesu.”

“If I’m not mistaken, I don’t think we need any of this in the first place?”

Emily and Celeste both raised their doubts.

“Today I was thinking of leveling up all of your levels.”

I then explained to my teammates.

“Since I could crystallize EXP, and using Teruru’s rogue monster to create an infinite mechanism, thus I was thinking of using that to help level up all of your levels.”

“My...”

“...Ours?”

Emily and Celeste were both surprised.

“Yes, since the both of you haven’t reached your level cap yet. Which could be a problem in the future.”

“Objection!”

As Emily and Celeste were nodding away, Eve suddenly came and pushed them and cast an objection.

“I will not forgive anyone who makes fun of carrots.”

“We’re not making fun of it, we’re just trying to use it for EXP.”

“Carrots are to eat.”

“That’s also true but.”

“If you still want to do it then you will have to cross over Bunny’s dead body.”

Eve then stood in front of the mountain and blocked it with her two arms raised up.

As usual, her loyalty towards carrots will change her personality drastically.

“Please just hold it in for now nodesu.”

“that’s right, if you hold it in right now I’m sure Ryouta-san would give you even more delicious carrots to savour.”

Emily and Celeste were trying to convince Eve.

By convincing her, I could see that Eve’s attitude was slowly softening up.

Geebus, I guess it can’t be helped.

“I’ll promise you, after everyone’s level reached their cap, I will give you the carrots as per said.”

“Ryouta carrots?”

“Yes, Ryouta carrots.”

“A year’s worth of supply.”

“That’s too much even for me okay!”

For christ sake, even though it’s already a lot to give one a day for a year.

Well whatever, I don’t really hate the face she gives when she’s happily enjoying her carrots.

“Fine fine, I promise.”

“Bunny will be patient.”

Eve nodded and withdrew.

And we went faced towards the day after tomorrow.

If you think we’re trying to go away, it’s not as we are leaving a distance— where the rogue monsters would not be influenced as we sat down.

“Why here though?”

“Leeward.”

“Eh?”

“Even if you can’t eat it, at least you can smell it.”

“O, okay.”

“An arena seating where we can see it live.”

“No I don’t get what you mean.”

“.....”

Even though I tsukkkomi Eve but she did not respond to that.

I guess she was really trying her best to smell it.

“Well then shall we start. Since Alice has reached her max, it’s just Emily, Celeste and Eve huh.”

“Bunny has already reached her cap.”

“Oh, I see.”

Before she came to our team, she was quite a famous adventurer.

So that means only Emily and Celeste left.

“If I’m not mistaken Emily’s max was 40, and Celeste was 54.”

“Yes desu.”

“I can’t believe you remembered.....”

Emily like a child responded to me, and for some reason Celeste’s face was bright red.

And thus the two of us left a distance away from the carrots.

After waiting for awhile, the carrots were hatching out Drowsy Slimes one after the another.

The Drowsy Slimes that were being hatched were being shot down, and after being defeated it’s drop went into the pouch and I continued loading up more Normal Bullets.

Doing the same thing as last night, I used the amount of bullet that I’d gotten from the

drop and like an infinite mechanism continued doing it over and over again.

From one end the carrots were hatching one after the other, and on the other hand EXP crystals were being made.

“As expected, Yoda-san is amazing desu.”

“Circling... no it's not but it's like the pattern of working where you completely completing it. It is a figure of a super adventurer.”

“Well, maybe I had a lot of people placing me in a company.”

While chatting with them beside, I was producing the EXP crystals.

The carrots were gradually diminishing, and both of their levels were slowly increasing.

“I'm finally at my cap des.”

“Next is me.”

“Going by this pace I think it would not be enough?”

“You're right, it seems to be not enough.”

“Alice-chan come and follow me desu, we'll buy the rest that wasn't enough.”

“Emily? It would be expensive to buy it currently, wouldn't it be better if we head to the dungeon and hunt for it.”

“Yoda-san wishes for us to quickly hit our cap desu. So I don't think we can make it in time if we were to hunt carrots in a dungeon desu.”

“Well, that's true too.”

“Even if it's slightly more expensive but if it is for Yoda-san than I think it's alright nanodesu.”

My friends behind were discussing something.

Probably Emily was doing something for the sake of our team.

It's like in a family where she's the position of a mother and is handling all types of situation.

Letting her help me on various things, I continued defeating rogue monsters without being disturbed.

In between for some reason the Drowsy Slimes were turned into normal Slimes, but I didn't mind them and continued gathering more EXP.

As the sun starts to set, and then the day changes.

Thus finally I was able to max both Emily and Celeste's level.

Chapter 78

Unchanging Celeste

Nihonium's entrance, we arrived at the only Know-It-All board that was placed here.

"Then, Emily?" (Ryouta)

"Yes desu." (Emily)

Emily nodded, and proceeded to operate the Know-It-All Board.

As soon as the status appeared, she was in admiration and did an "Ooh" expression.

---- 1 / 2 ----

Level: 40/40

HP: A

MP: F

Strength: A

Endurance: A

Intelligence: F

Mentality: F

Speed: E

Dexterity: E

Luck: B

"My level is finally maxed out nanodesu." (Emily)

"Your ability... is quite straightforward, your HP and Strength was already at A, but even your Endurance went up to A. Your status are similar to that of an Infighter." (Ryouta)

"Mogumogu... this is..... mogumogu... strong." (Eve)

Eve was talking while chewing on a carrot.

“It is bad manners to speak while you have something on your mouth nanodesu.”
(Emily)

“.....” (Eve)

Eve stopped talking.

After completely devouring the carrot on her mouth, she reached out for another one and ate it.

“You’re still eating! Aren’t you going to continue explaining!” (Ryouta)

“I will not forgive anyone who interferes with a date with carrots whether they are gods or not.” (Eve)

“Aren’t your words intensely wrong!? Well whatever, I do agree with you that she’d become stronger now. Strong and tough, if she had an ability to recovery then she would be able to manage herself.” (Ryouta)

“That’s not true desu.” (Emily)

Emily’s face was bright red.

“You’re being overly modest, Having your HP, Strength and Endurance reaching A is no small matter, it’s honestly amazing, right everyone.” (Ryouta)

When I ask for agreement with my teammates, they all nodded.

Emily became more and more embarrassed, as she was trying to hide it she operated the Know-It-All board.

---- 2 / 2 ----

Vegetation D

Animals E

Minerals F

Magic F

Special Items F

“Even your drops have slightly increased.” (Ryouta)

“Yes desu. Now it’s Celeste turn isn’t it nanodesu.” (Emily)

“Eeh.” (Celeste)

Celeste nodded, and stood in front of the Know-It-All board where Emily was previously standing, and efficiently operated it.

---- 1 / 2 ----

Level: 54/54

HP: D

MP: A

Strength: E

Endurance: E

Intelligence: A

Mentality: A

Speed: E

Dexterity: A

Luck: C

“Amazing desu! Your MP has finally reached A desu!” (Emily)

“With that you won’t be exhausted with Mana depletion. Previously it was at C right.” (Ryouta)

“You can also fire a lot of Level 3 magic now desu.” (Emily)

While me and Emily were in high tension, Celeste was silent.

“What’s wrong?” (Alice)

Alice strangely asked.

Celeste without answering, she placed her hands on her chest and repeatedly breathed in and out.

“EEII!!!” as she loudly shouted and continued operating the Know-It-All Board.

The status turned to page 2, and the Drop status was shown.

---- 2 / 2 ----

Vegetation F

Animals F

Minerals F

Magic E

Special Items F

“.....Ahh.” (Celeste)

For a moment she had a stupefied look, but holding onto that expression, tear drops suddenly flowed from her eyes.

Well Celeste was pretty conflicted with her drops having all F- Final F, and was rather complex.

Even though she reached her max level and that isn’t something to be proud at, but too her it was completely different.

As if holding her loved one, she was playing around the letter “E” on the Know-It-All board with her fingers.

Afterwards she turned and looked at me, and tears started flowing down nonstop.

“Thank you.” and an extremely happy smile was seen from her face.



Teruru’s eighth floor. Similar to the sixth and seventh floor, it had an outskirts kind of feel inside the dungeon. The only thing different was that the seventh floor had this phenomenon called the Dungeon Snow.

To commemorate Emily and Celeste for finally reaching their max level, we proceeded to head down to the next floor.

Just so you know, we dropped Eve at the second floor.

Along the way I was defeating some Drowsy Slime and collecting the Ryouta Carrots, and the bunny's eyes turned into a shape of carrot and stayed there, thus we left her there.

Thus, Emily, Celeste, Alice and I finally arrived at the eighth floor.

And there awaited us was a Metallic coloured Slime.

It was finally Celeste's turn to do her job in explaining.

"It's a <**Steel Slime**>, as you can see it's extremely hard." (Celeste)

"I know. When I was taking the license test I had to fight one of these monsters."
(Ryouta)

What the test was is for people to continue venturing to the sixth floor and below, and those who could not pass it may not proceed, this was the policy made by the Shikuro's association.

Without it, hunting monsters and getting their drops, you won't be able to sell it in Shikuro, it is an essential item for adventurers who wants to go around and make earnings, which substantially limits the access of more goods.

So in order to get that license I had to undergo a test, and during the test I had to fight this Steel Slime.

Also when I said that I "knew of it", for a moment I could see Celeste slightly lost her energy to live.

.....Did she want to explain it, I guess I made a wrong move.

"So it's just hard desu? Are there other special abilities desu?" (Emily)

"Not that I can remember, it's just the pain in the ass kind of tough." (Celeste)

"I understand desu. Yoda-san, leave this to me desu." (Emily)

"Ah, okay." (Ryouta)

As I nodded in approval, Emily carried her hammer and flew away.

Trying to get the preemptive strike, she spun her hammer on top of her head round and round, and before landing on the ground she used the momentum to her advantage and swung her hammer down.

It's a one on one match against Emily and the Steel Slime. While we were standing as spectators and watch.

"Amazing, I can't believe she's competing with that Steel Slime with just physical attack." (Celeste)

"Well it's basic that she would do that after increasing her level." (Ryouta)

"That's true and all, but it would not normally work on a Steel Slime. It's body has a weakness somewhere, and you would have to find it and aim at it." (Celeste)

"Heeh. So the method of defeating was different compared to mine." (Ryouta)

"How did Ryouta-san defeat it?" (Celeste)

"Together with Freeze and Flame bullet, I made the metal fatigue and crushed it the moment it cracked." (Ryouta)

"Metal fatiguing?"

Celeste then tilted her head to the side.

It seems like even the knowledgeable Celeste did not know what it means.

While we were chatting, it seems that the battle was about to settle.

Emily stopped her feet and hit the Steel Slime.

A Strength that could shake the dungeon continued. As she held her hammer high and flew, the Slime tried to jump, but it pounded further.

She lifted up her hamer, the Slime moved accordingly, and she strike with her hammer.

This went on for awhile.

It was like making mochi.

"Ne~Ne~, Isn't Kon-kon's body starting to crack." (Alice)

Kon-kon, oh she meant the Steel Slime.

She just named it abruptly, is it going to be a buddy of hers like the ones on her shoulders?

As I was thinking about it, the Steel Slime was defeated.

“Yoda-san! I did it desu!” (Emily)

As if accomplishing a task, Emily returned with a smile on her face.

Even forgetting to pick up the dropped Melon on the ground, the girl’s face had a sense of accomplishment and a gracious smile, she came back to where we were.



In the middle of Shikuro’s city, I entered a splendid building which imitated a vegetable, and descended straight to the basement.

“It’s very wide desu.” (Emily)

“So this is where you can fight monsters.” (Celeste)

“Does Boney-chan and Jumpy-san want to join in and have fun too?” (Alice)

The moment we step foot at this place, my friends were watching the place with interest.

By the way, Eve also came along.

While we were on our way back on the second floor I defeated some more Drowsy Slimes and she said “Bunny, is happy that she could die” whilst rubbing a carrot on her cheeks.

I went straight to the counter, and talked to a man who was similar in age.

“I came here to get a license.” (Ryouta)

“.....For 11th floor and below?” (Lazy “Examiner” Man)

“No, for 6th and below. My friends have not gotten theirs yet.” (Ryouta)

“...So for three?” (Lazy “Examiner” man)

“No, for two.” (Ryouta)

Without any expression, the man came out of the counter, and started preparing.

I then went back to where my friends were at.

“I’ve talked to him.” (Ryouta)

“Yes desu. But why though desu? If Yoda-san himself has the license then wouldn’t be no problem desu?” (Emily)

“Though that’s true, but I guess it would still be useful to have it just in case?” (Ryouta)

Thinking about it, I guess this is because I’m a modern person who intuitively thinks about driver’s license the moment I hear the word “license”.

There isn’t any problem if everyone has a license, so long we have a license we all can drive a car, but we can deal with it when multiple people have it. This was what I came up with while comparing.

“It will come in handy.” (Celeste)

“What’s that suppose to mean?” (Ryouta)

I asked back, and Celeste’s eyes were brimming brightly.

It was different when she couldn’t explain about the Steel Slime, now it was a look of confidence.

“It’s to show how powerful our Family is. For example, how many people has Drop A stats, or how many of us has a license. This kind of things do happen. If you’re strong and have a license, it will be useful when the time comes.” (Celeste)

“Now that you mention, when I first heard of Neptune it was something along the lines of “There are 5 people who have Vegetation Drop of A”.” (Ryouta)

“Precisely because of this. We all——” (Celeste)

Celeste then looked at the man who was preparing from quite a distance away.

“Because Ryouta-san has not announced this yet, so it’s better if we do this quickly.”
(Celeste)

As Celeste finished explaining, the three of us nodded.

Afterwards the preparation was complete, and the man returned.

“.....Who’s gonna do it?” (Lazy “Examiner” Man)

“Emily..... Eh?” (Ryouta)

Not too far from us, an item that was the perfect range to turn into a rogue monster was there.

It was a potato.

“Steel—-Wasn’t it Melons previously.” (Ryouta)

“...It’s random, with the exception of the seventh floor.” (Examiner)

“Why is the seventh floor an exception?” (Alice)

Alice then asked a rather normal but not really question.

“Normally, you can’t defeat the seventh floor’s monster with just a single person.”
(Ryouta)

“If I use the Tear of Slime now, the difficulty will be too low, so it would be meaningless.” (Examiner)

“Is that so.” (Alice)

“.....In order to pass, you need to defeat it with 5 Child.” (Examiner)

“It’s quite difficult. What should we do?” (Ryouta)

I looked at both Emily and Celeste.

Potato, it's a monster from Teruru's sixth floor.

They are also called the Parent-Child Slime, there's a special way in defeating it.

"I'll do it." (Celeste)

"Can you?" (Ryouta)

Celeste nodded, she has quite the confident in herself.

"I understand." (Ryouta)

"Good luck nodesu!" (Emily)

"Ike~ Ike~ Go~ Go~" (Alice)

Celeste nodded, and went off.

While waiting at the perfect range, the potato soon hatched into a rogue monster.

"If it's 5 of them I'm sure Celeste-san can do it nodes." (Emily)

"That's true, using her Bicorn Horn to first defeat the 5 bodies, then finishing it off with her Inferno." (Ryouta)

Emily and I both nodded.

Because the both of us knew the capability of Celeste, we watched it in relieved.

Below Celeste feet, a magic circle appeared, and her long and beautiful hair fluttered around as she used her magic.

"Inferno!" (Celeste)

" "Eeh?" " (Ryouta & Emily)

Both Emily and my voice matched.

That was different compared to what we'd imagined, the first magic she used was Inferno.

Around 10 of the Child Slime was burned to crisped.

"Why did you use Inferno first?" (Ryouta)

"The Parent will be even stronger than usual desu." (Emily)

There are two characteristics about the Parent-Child Slime.

Depending on how many child(hands and feet) you defeat, and defeat the parent(main body) the drop will increase.

And also if you defeat more child(hands and feet), the parent(main body) will get stronger.

Annihilating all the child, the strongest parent in theory was created.

Celeste wasn't hesitant, and continued using her magic.

It was a different magic circle this time.

"This is..... the power that Ryouta-san had nurtured for me, a new power." (Celeste)

Celeste muttered, and continued holding out her hands.

"Rip it apart, <**Silent Fury**> !!!" (Celeste)

A laser like thing was narrowed further from the supple of her fingertip and continued shrinking as a light was launched.

And that hit the body of the Parent Slime.

The laser then went through the body and continued further.

The Slime—that was deemed to be extremely powerful was sliced in half, and Pon, a

sound was heard and it disappeared.

“She did it desu——Aah.” (Emily)

Celeste was wobbling, and I went and hugged her.

“What’s happening.” (Celeste)

“You used too much magic, a new magic what’s more.” (Ryouta)

As I said this to Celeste, sweat was floating from her forehead, and her face changed into the color of a paper.

“For heaven’s sake…… You’re still the same even when I first met you.” (Ryouta)

“No, I’ve changed. And a drastic one at that.” (Celeste)

Celeste then looked straight at me in the eyes.

A gentle, yet intense and passionate eyes.

“Thank you, for everything that you’ve done for me.” (Celeste)

This was the first time it hit me right in the heart(kokoro) when I heard the word “Thanks”.

It was the most thrilling thing.

Chapter 79

Triple Score

Celeste and Emily had safely gotten their license and the next day arrived.

With the help of Emily's god-like abilities to clean, the entire member was currently seated at the warm and gentle living room.

While everyone was staring at the breakfast made by Emily, she went up to me and spoke.

"Yoda-san, do you have any plans today?" (Emily)

"Plans? I'm not sure I have one so I guess I'm heading to the dungeon and make my rounds for today. Seeing as the Harvest Festival recently ended, I guess it's back to earning some money" (Ryouta)

I tilted my head upwards, looking up at the ceiling while wondering.

During and after the Harvest Festival, many things have happened.

I've met with Alice, defeated the Dungeon Master of Nihonium, I helped max Margaret's level, and also for Emily and Celeste, plus getting license for both Emily and Celeste.

Now that I thought about it, it's been almost a week since I last did a daily routine in the dungeon.

So in the meantime, income was cut off.

Well, it's not like I'm a salaryman anymore. Even though I was in a Black Company, I would still keep quiet and get my tens of thousands of money every month as they come by.

But the life I'm living isn't like that anymore. I've earned almost zero Piro this past week.

Even though it doesn't pose a problem for me..... for us, but I have to earn them sooner or later.

"I understand desu, I'll prepare to head off for Teruru's 8th floor desu." (Emily)

"It's been awhile since we last hunt together, I can't wait~" (Celeste)

"I think this would be my first time." (Alice)

"Bunny wants some lunchbox(bunch of carrots)." (Eve)

They've gotten more excited.

Having breakfast together while enjoying some small talks, this was the sort of atmosphere I'm feeling right now.

And inside it, I was quietly thinking about something, and afterwards I proposed something.

"Should we do something different today?" (Ryouta)

"So Yoda-san really had something to do today desu?" (Emily)

"No that's not it. Since everyone has become stronger, but of course y'all can become even stronger." (Ryouta)

"Can we? Though isn't my level already maxed out desu?" (Emily)

"It can be done, since Ryouta-san has recently obtained 2 Magic Fruit and learnt 2 magic from it, so he's going to do some preparations to get them." (Celeste)

"And I can maybe listen to more callings from monsters~" (Alice)

"In this world, there might be other unknown carrots." (Eve)

Starting from Celeste, everyone was telling Emily about how they were other ways to be stronger——except for Eve.

"Yes, y'all can be much more stronger. But y'all did reach your maximum level right? I want to find out how much we can earn a day and how can we do that? That is what I want to figure out." (Ryouta)

“Oh, I see nanodesu.” (Emily)

“That is indeed important.” (Celeste)

Everyone nodded in approval, seemed like no one objected.

“If that’s the case I’ll head to the 8th floor now desu. If it’s similar to a Steel Slime, I think I can handle similar monsters in Arsenic too desu.” (Emily)

“Now that I think about it, there isn’t much monsters like *that* slime which is tough but their speed are normal, so I see why.” (Ryouta)

“If that’s the case Yoda-san, can I have one of your Drop +1 Potion please nanodesu~” (Emily)

“Is 1 enough?” (Ryouta)

“Yes desu, I just have to use 1 plus the ring I have right now and my stats would be B desu. I think B is a safe range to easily get drops nanodesu.” (Emily)

I see.

I went and brought over two types of Drop Up Potion.

These were drop by the rogue monsters of the paper notes which has a +3 potion, and a +1 for the rogue coin monsters.

+3 is sort of expensive in it’s own right, but +1 hardly can be considered wasting at all.

“I got it. In that case I would really like a +2 equipment, so you can go up till A.” (Ryouta)

“Yes desu.” (Emily)

“I’m... Oh yeah. Alice, do you want to tag along with me?” (Celeste)

“Me? It’s fine..... ah, Boney-chan and Jumpy-san~” (Alice)

The SD sized monsters both hid behind Alice’s back.

“Gaa-an! Gohon. That’s not it, I’m being serious now. It’s about the Guts Slime on the

7th floor, I would like to lend the children's power to fight them. I believe that together with them, we could even win against a rare monster." (Celeste)

"Oh, so that's what you mean." (Alice)

"If that's what Celeste said, then I'm sure it's true." (Ryouta)

"I got it, then let's go now~" (Alice)

"Yeah." (Celeste)

As Celeste silently nodded, she couldn't hide the fact from me that she just did a fist bump under the table.

I'm pretty sure some personal feelings were mixed in between, but I guess it's fine.

"How about Eve?" (Ryouta)

"Dust will be with dust, so bunny will be with carrots." (Eve)

"I'll give you a +3 Potion. Just give me a heads up next time." (Ryouta)

"Do you know that I really like you!" (Eve)

Eve's eyes then brightened up and blinked several times.

After confirming several plans during breakfast, it's time we did things separately for the day.



I decided to walk around the floor where my friends would not go.

First off was Teruru's first floor, the monsters here are Slime.

Pushing the Magic Cart, I walked around.

Naturally encountering a Slime that was trying to attack me, I picked it up and brought it on top of the Magic Cart, and using my gun—

"No." (Ryouta)

Thinking back, I grasped it as it is.

Purun~, a squishy feeling, and the Slime disappeared and the dropped bean sprouts landed right into the Magic Cart.

Compared to when I first fought them, no wait compared to before the Harvest Festival was held, I felt that these Slimes were weaker than I thought.

I guess it was due to the Dungeon Master of Nihonium.

Because of that I became strong, since normal bullets won't work, I had to resort to physical damage and narrowly won that battle.

Thus after that, it felt as though the Slimes were so easy to defeat to the point where I could be digging my nose and would still be able to defeat it while using one pinky.

Continuing ahead while pushing the Magi Cart, I once again met with a Slime and doing the same thing I grasped it tightly where it could not escape at all, and brought it on top of the Magic Cart.

“~~♪” (Ryouta)

Whistling aloud, it's as if I was doing grocery shopping at a supermarket.

After some time passed, the function of the Magic Cart showed that I have accumulated 40k Piro worth of items.

I then brought the Magic Cart that was fully loaded with bean sprouts back to the city, and brought it over to the trading shop named <The Swallows Repayment>.

Afterwards I went back to the dungeon.

This time it's the second floor..... was what I thought but Eve caught hold of me, she told me to hand over an S Drop's Ryouta Carrot in order to pass through here.

The third floor, Cockroach Slime.

Emily's natural enemy, a shiny black Slime that crawls creepily on the ground.

Back then it was so hard to get through this floor, Emily would have to cover her eyes and ears and we had to escort her to the next floor.

But after having Alice joined our team, she would know the exact location of each monsters and would lead us, she would lead us to paths that you could not even hear your own footsteps, what's more it was *safer*.

At that third floor, the Cockroach Slime drops pumpkins.

Well it's not like I'm afraid or anything, so I proceeded to pick up the crawling thing, and doing the same as before—But.(he knew, he f**ked up)

Pon, like a popcorn popping, the Cockroach Slime turned into a pumpkin.

It suddenly turned into a larger object from what I was holding, and slipped right past my hand.

My hand was slightly numbed.

“Even though I take no damage from monsters but this drop actually did.” (Ryouta)

That was sort of funny.

The Cockroach Slime themselves weren't that strong to begin with.

However, even if you clench it or hit it, I would be knocked down by a pumpkin's popcorn pop, so I decided on defeating it with normal bullets.

After carrying 4 pumpkins that was equivalent to 42k Piro, I sold it off to <The Swallows Repayment>.

In total that was 80k Piro.

Once again I head back into the dungeon, and the official residence, Eve once again asked for a carrot fee before passing through.

Arriving on the fourth floor, the monsters were Bat Slimes.

Sometimes it flew around, and sometimes it would hang itself upside down on the

ceiling, so I shot down those that I could see.

Even though it dropped at quite a distance, it was instantly sucked into my pouch, and I took it out and placed it inside the Magic Cart.

Normal bullets, pew, and into the Magic Cart. That was the triple combo that I did while continuing onward.

Even though it was the 4th floor but they were indeed weak, I took no damage while defeating them, and in no time the Magic Cart was filled to the brim.

Again I pushed the Magic Cart out to the city and exchanged the drops for 220k Piro. And this was 300k Piro in total.

Due to Gourmet branding my Ryouta Bamboo, I could sell it for such a high price.

Because it was a brand made by me, I'm afraid it would crash if I overdid it, thus I stopped hunting more for now.

After selling those, and paying the carrot fees, it's onto the 5th floor.

I encountered a Slime that had several slimes stacked onto each other called a Snake Slime.

First off I prepared a Pandora Box, and defeated one of it.

The dropped watermelon was sucked into the box first, and the box was imprinted with my face on it.

It was for Ena's family's greengrocer delivery goods...

After doing that, it was onto normally defeating it.

The moment one of the Snake Slime came close to me, I grabbed it and squeezed it on top of the Magic Cart.

Pon, a huge watermelon was dropped and was rolling into the Magic Cart.

I continued pushing the car around, the Snake Slime's weren't particularly strong, thus I easily circled around.

After the cart was full of watermelons worth 50k Piro, I delivered the box to the family

and gotten another 50k from them.

Even though it's the same thing but because it was made by me the prices differed.
Even though it's one a day, but it's extremely delicious.

After going around the floors that my friends weren't frequent to, I've gotten 400k Piro in total.

"Well then, it's time to get serious." (Ryouta)

Coming out from <The Swallows Repayment>, I stretched my arms.
Because I only made one round each, this time is the real deal.



At night, we all gathered at Emily • House's living room.
The last one to come was Eve, and after that the report started.

"Bunny's earning for today, 120k was suitable. I'm confident." (Eve)

"Are you that proud of it?" (Ryouta)

"All these time my Vegetation drop was low." (Eve)

"I see, even though your Meat drop is high but you came to Shikuro in the end."
(Ryouta)

"More like, what is with it being suitable?" (Alice)

Alice asked a question.

"I ate all of it." (Eve)

"You just ate 120k Piro worth of carrot!!!" (Ryouta)

I just had to tsukkomi her.

Because the currency of Piro and Yen was similar, in one day she just ate 120k Yen(1082.52 dollars/906.28Euro) worth of carrots.

“As for me I made 160k Piro desu, as expected it was a new record nanodesu.” (Emily)

“Emily that’s amazing~ You won over Eve.” (Ryouta)

“The reason why Eve-chan lost was because she ate it all at the end of the day desu. If she could’ve held it right at the end day then it’s my lost desu.” (Emily)

“Bunny, can double that amount.” (Eve)

“And you’re gonna taste it all.” (Ryouta)

“The both of us earned 215123 Piro.” (Celeste)

“So one person would be around 100k Piro then.” (Ryouta)

Celeste and Alice finished reporting, it’s so like Celeste to report it by herself.

After knowing everyone’s report, they all looked at me, as they want to know how much I’d earned.

I cleared my throat, and took out the details that was rounded up and given by Elza and reported it to them.

“It’s 1.56Million Piro.” (Ryouta)

“ “ “Oooh—” “ “ (The three girls)

“It’s a weeks worth of carrots.....” (Eve)

The three girls raised cheers of excitement, but oddly enough(or not odd) Eve was calculating.

“That’s really amazing Yoda-san, even with everyone’s amount added up, it still couldn’t reach higher than Yoda-san’s desu.” (Emily)

“It’s a triple score, as expected of you.” (Celeste)

“Ryouta’s rich now~” (Alice)

The three of them praised me in their own ways.

I was sort of happy about it.

“So that means our family makes around 2 Million Piro’s a day then.” (Ryouta)

“That settles it then.” (Celeste)

“If we can earn this amount then even splurging around wouldn’t be a problem.”
(Ryouta)

“Are you gonna use it nodesu?” (Emily)

“Yeah.” (Ryouta)

From Emily to Alice, I looked at all of them.

“I was postponing it before, but now I can finally get everyone each a Magic Cart.”
(Ryouta)

In one breath I told everyone about the plan I had in mind.

Chapter 80

The Family's function

A Magic Cart's shop, <Progress>.

It was the shop that made our family's Magic Cart and we have been using ever since.

"Hah..... Old man....." (Chuck)

As my friends went inside the store, the store owner's son, Chuck, was in front of us and was rubbing his brows and sighed.

"Come on in." (Chuck)

"Welcome..... Aah, weren't you from that time, uuhh..." (Chuck)

"It's Satou Ryouta. Glad that you've remembered me." (Ryouta)

"Eeh, I'm truly indebted for what you'd done at that time. So how's your cart doing?" (Chuck)

"It's doing well because of you." (Ryouta)

"Oh I see. Well it's also thanks to Ryouta-san, that more customers have increased because of the Heavy Rock and Light Rock that we've remodeled for you and have been selling it." (Chuck)

Heavy Rock and Light Rock, those were monsters from the Arsenic Dungeon.

The store owner and their son made use of these characteristics and customized a Magic Cart which can calculate the estimate price of a dropped item.

Because we went to the trade shop <Swallow's Repayment>, someone asked where we'd gotten our Magic Cart from and we said it was from <Progress>, maybe that's why it went public.

"Well I'm glad to hear it." (Ryouta)

“Hey hey, why are you sighing a lot?” (Alice)

Alice asked Chuck from beside me.

“To tell you the truth, Old man went inside the dungeon and again isn’t coming back on time.” (Chuck)

“Again?” (Ryouta)

“Is that so?” (Alice)

I nodded to Alice who was making a strange expression.

“Something like this happened before in the past. So did he not leave a note saying he would be going to the dungeon again?” (Ryouta)

As I further about this manner, Chuck had a troubled expression and he slowly nodded.

“Is that so, this time I would like last time go around and check. Since Arsenic isn’t really that dangerous.” (Ryouta)

“Since Arsenic’s monsters won’t come and attack you head on.” (Celeste)

Chuck then nodded to the explanation that Celeste gave.

Afterwards, she looked at me with eyes of expectations.

What that means... is that I have no choice but to go then.



Arsenic Dungeon, 17th floor.

“Argh-, I’m tired!”

The moment we came down, I exclaimed as there was a rock—no there was a rock monster with face attached to it.

From the 1st floor till the 17th floor, each and every rock monsters looked exactly the same from the rest.

Strictly speaking, there were some minor differences. There were some slight differences from each of their expressions, but the difference was truly on a subtle level.

What's more the rocks would just stare at me, and would not attack whatsoever.

Shikuro—No I think that the whole world would agree if there was a dungeon that was this peaceful, but because there wasn't any stimulation at all in return it was driving me crazy.

And at that dungeon, Emily and I—the Arsenic's case, came here together as Emily was good at smashing rocks.

“Fight fight nanodesu~ Since it's already been the 17th floor, I'm sure Alton-san must be around here somewhere nanodesu~” (Emily)

“I know. But still..... it really doesn't change at all.” (Ryouta)

“The rocks on the 17th floor looked as though they are being dejected nanodesu.” (Emily)

“Now that mention it they do look like that” (Ryouta)

I went close to one of the rocks and took a closer look at it.

As Emily had described, the rocks around here seemed to look as though they were dejected.

The face reminded me of a salaryman overworking himself till he was out of battery.

It wasn't something that was nice to look at.

“.....Well then, where the heck is Alton-san.” (Ryouta)

“Let’s go around once and search for him nodesu.” (Emily)

I nodded.

“Seems like no adventurers are present on this floor, though there were quite a few adventurers on previous floors.” (Ryouta)

“Still this place is amazing, about 90% of adventures that we’ve seen were using Emily’s • Hammer.” (Ryouta)

“Uuu..... that naming is really embarrassing desu (>///W///<)” (Emily)

“The advertisement really did boost the sales. This is supposed to be an additional advertisement fee.” (Ryouta)

I looked at Emily as I was teasing her.

Emily’s • Hammer, previously Emily’s most favourite hammer was broken in half, and a weapons merchant named Smith came up to us and proposed an idea.

Similar to an athlete, the maker would supply products to them, and as long as the athlete uses their products then people would naturally want to buy that same product the athlete’s using.

Accepting that offer, was how Emily had a brand new hammer. And right now, around 90% of adventurers were using that exact Emily’s • Hammer.

“It’s because this hammer is so easy to use nanodesu, and it’s not because of me desu.” (Emily)

“Didn’t someone ask for a signature when we went into the first floor? Don’t try to hide it, Emily has completely become a famous person.” (Ryouta)

“Please forget about what just happened just now nodes!!” (Emily)

Emily made an embarrassing look and raised her voice.

Just so you know, the person who asked for a signature was a young girl who was holding an Emily’s • Hammer, and because she looked up to Emily that she wanted a signature from her.

The 18+ year old girl, unlike Emily who had a standard body type, the hammer seemed to be too heavy for that child who had difficulties carrying it.

Was that the reason why she admired Emily, that was one of my random thoughts.

As I was teasing Emily about this, we finally saw Alton.

A middle-aged man with a stout but quite wide around body with a long beard, he looked exactly the same the last time we've met, when you first look at him, he seemed like a Dwarf.

"Alton-san." (Ryouta?)

"Nn? Oh, it's you kids." (Alton)

"You're making Chuck-san worried again." (Ryouta)

"That kid's balls are small, no need to write a note saying I'm leaving to Arsenic right." (Alton)

"But still, leaving for a whole week is still too much." (Ryouta)

"I've no choice, since there's no drop at all ya see." (Alton)

"So it's about a drop?" (Ryouta)

"The Rare monster on this floor, called <Master Rock>, I need it's drop. Oh yeah, can't you help me get the drop from the Master Rock. If you can help me get it I'll help remodel yer Magic Cart into something much more awesome." (Alton)

"I understand." (Ryouta)

"Yes desu." (Emily)

Emily and I both answered in unison.

Well that's the reason why we came here to begin with.

Though we came down here was because we want to confirm whether Alton's doing fine for Chuck, this Alton guy is too fixated on remodelling Magic Carts, thus he was the type of man who would throw out his real life and make his family worry about him.

This man has been in here for a week, thus it intrigued me on what he's about to do

yet again.

“So we would just need to look out for a Master Rock for you?” (Ryouta)

“Don’t have to. Just touch these Slave Rocks.” (Alton)

“Why nanodesu?” (Emily)

“Touch and y’all will understand.” (Alton)

Was what Alton said.

Emily and my face met, and we both nodded.

Thus, we went to a nearest Slave Rock and touched it.

The rock monster that had an expression as if it was domestically tamed by a company did nothing at all.

“Nothing happened.” (Ryouta)

“That means it’s not here yet. Once it’s out it will know.” (Alton)

“Hah...” (Ryouta)

Believing in Alton’s words, we proceeded to touch the Slave Rock every 10 or so seconds.

Still, for this dungeon that has nothing strange about it, I was starting to get bored of it—and it was around that time.

Emily who was touching the rock suddenly disappeared!

“Emily!??” (Ryouta)

“So it’s here!” (Alton)

Alton raised his voice, and touched a different rock.

And Alton disappeared too.

What the heck was happening, but no use contemplating about it as I readied my gun on one hand and touched a rock.

The next moment I was flown to a different location.

“Yoda-san!” (Emily)

“Emily, are you alright?” (Ryouta)

“Yes desu. Moreover look over there desu.” (Emily)

Emily pointed at the opposite side, and clearly a different looking monster was there. If the rocks around it was those tired employers, then this must have an expression of a rich face where he would go to clubs or cabaret clubs and scolds the girls over there. Seems like if you touch the Slave Rocks, it will immediately teleport you to where the Master Rock is.

It reminded me of a slave-like composition that ask people to pay up.

“So this is the Master Rock.” (Ryouta)

“We just have to defeat it nodesu?” (Emily)

“Aah, but—” (Ryouta)

“Let’s go desu~” (Emily)

Without waiting for Alton, Emily chugged the Red Potion and spun her Emily • Hammer round and round before jumping towards it.

I silently watched.

Emily who became attached to this place, which practically makes Arsenic Dungeon her home ground, plus using the red potion to increase her drop to A.

Thus I thought she could handle it all by her own.

As she was accelerating her hammer down on the monster—her entire body

disappeared.

“Emily!?!” (Ryouta)

“Don’t worry, she was just teleported out of the dungeon.” (Alton)

“Outside the dungeon?” (Ryouta)

“If you don’t defeat the Master Rock in one hit, it will teleport you outside of the dungeon. It’s truly an annoying piece of shit monster to deal with.” (Alton)

“So it’s just being teleported.” (Ryouta)

“Yeap.” (Alton)

Then I don’t have to worry about Emily.

“So, one hit eh.” (Ryouta)

“You gonna have a go?” (Alton)

“Yeap, I’m gonna try.” (Ryouta)

I took out my guns, and thought of various things.

How was I going to launch an attack capable of such maximum firepower as I did some simulation in my head.

After finish thinking, on one of my guns I loaded 5 Bullet Enhancer and 1 Flame Bullet, and on the other hand another 5 Bullet Enhancer but this time 1 Freeze Bullet.

And with that, I fired.

The Flame and Freezing Bullet merged together, and fused into one.

An Annihilation Bullet being reinforced by the Bullet Enhancer gouged a space 5 meters in diameter!

And obviously, the Master Rock was never to be seen again as it was annihilated.

An Annihilation Bullet greatly reinforced by Bullet Enhancers.

“Hey you..... Wasn’t that too overboard?” (Alton)

Alton who asked me to defeat it in one hit was also dazed by what just happened.



After coming out from the dungeon, we had some dropped flowers both from the Slave Rock and the Master Rock.

Since the monsters in Arsenic don't attack at all, even if it were to become a rogue monsters, it won't really pose any threat, it was that kind of special typed monsters.

Thus we kept all the items in a box that Alton developed, and carried it all the way back to <Progress>.

Seeing Chuck worried for a moment then arranged himself properly, Alton went back to his workshop and worked on his stuff.

"Haiz, really... this shitty father of mine." (Chuck)

Despite cursing him, Chuck was obviously relieved.

Thus I waited with my friends, and finally Alton came out with a Magic Cart and a huge box.

It was the Magic Cart that we have been using all these time, and on top of the box was open up in a strange way.

"It's completed." (Alton)

"I'm not sure what's that desu?" (Emily)

"Hey you, lend me your ears." (Alton)

Alton then whispered something onto Emily's ears.

"I understand desu. Yoda-san, I have somewhere to go desu." (Emily)

“Emily? Wait a mo—” (Ryouta)

Before I could stop her, Emily pushed the cart outside of the shop and dashed away.

“What’s happening?” (Ryouta)

“Well, you’ll find out.” (Alton)

As Alton finished saying, he looked at the direction of the box.

You’ll find out, was what Alton said himself, and he had a face full of expectations.

After some time passed, Ka-kon, a sound was made and bean sprouts came flying out of the box.

“It’s here! It was a huge success!” (Alton)

“Bean Sprouts? What’s going on here?” (Ryouta)

“It’s the new function, even if you were to head off to anywhere, you can send things through this box. If you were to place this box in the town hall or in a warehouse, you won’t have to worry about coming back at all.” (Alton)

“Now that’s what I call convenient!” (Ryouta)

Even though it’s plenty easy to push the Magic Cart around, but you would still have to come out of the dungeon to sell your items at the city, which made it bothersome sometimes.

But with this new function, I would just have to come back once a day.

“Because of y’all that I was able to successfully create this, that’s my thanks for you.” (Alton)

“This, can you create multiple carts of it?” (Ryouta)

“Of course, it’s supposed to send it to the base, and for the sake of the Family we had to send countless Slave Rocks here. So how many do you need?” (Alton)

“Together with me that would be 5.” (Ryouta)

“Leave it to me, fufu, it will be a challenge to adjust so many at once.” (Alton)

Alton had a fun expression and then rushed back at his workplace, and his son Chuck had a face of “It’s about to start again”.

With that, we finally got everyone a Magic Cart with this new function.

Chapter 81

My one and only Elza

Our home's first floor, the parking lot for Magic Carts.

Lowering down the shutter, one can see that Celeste and Alice was there at an enclosed space.

"Take a close look at it." (Ryouta)

After saying it to the both of them, I placed a normal bullet into my own Magic Cart, and pushed the second button attached on the Magic Cart.

When I pushed the button, a Ka-kon sound was heard, and a box that was installed at a place further away popped up the normal bullet.

"It came out from that side~" (Celeste)

"Ama~zing! So it can make anything fly out to the other side?" (Alice)

"As long as it's something inside the Magic Cart, is what I guess." (Ryouta)

"Boney-chan" (Alice)

A SD sized Skeleton was nodding it's head, making a rattling sound, and proceeded to jump inside to the Magic Cart. The excited Alice went and pushed the button and from slightly further away from us, Boney-chan flew out from the box.

"Wah~, it's really awesome~" (Alice)

"This isn't the reason why this function existed though. It's actually for——" (Ryouta)

While trying to explain to her with a bitter smile, more things flew out from within the box.

It was Dandelion.

There's no Dandelion here, so it's probably Emily who sent it from Arsenic Dungeon. Because it was in a large sum it quickly filled up the Magic Cat. Thus the Dandelions there was a Magic Cart worth of it.

"As you can see, when you've collected a full stack of items from within the dungeon, you won't have to push your Magic Cart back to the city, but instead continue roaming around the dungeon if you use this function." (Ryouta)

"This is extremely convenient. This will indeed increase Ryouta-san's income." (Celeste)

"Why is it only limited to me?" (Ryouta)

"Because Ryouta-san has All S Drop?" (Celeste)

Because it was only us three in the house, she did not hesitate to talk about my Drop status out loud.

"It's true that we wouldn't have to do a round trip and it would simplify our workload, but whether we can earn a lot of income is just subtle. Especially when I have to use MP and might get exhausted." (Celeste)

"Aaah..... I understand. It truly is a Magician's fate." (Ryouta)

It's the same with games, after using spells for awhile they will exhaust their MP and will become considerably disadvantaged.

And even if you want to save up and not use spells and rely on Endurance or Stamina, it will eventually exhaust the user too, so compared to using MP and getting exhausted, the latter seemed to be a better choice.

Especially for Celeste where she would always consume a large amount of MP to cast a spell, so I guess there's that to worry about.

"But it is without a doubt that the income will definitely increase. Maybe even twice from now on." (Celeste)

"Double huh... Let's try it out now." (Ryouta)

Performance check is necessary after acquiring a new power of a tool.

Since the transfer function of the Magic Cart is important, it's better to check once again to make sure.

“Uwawawa, it keeps coming Ryouta~” (Alice)

Alice was perplexed when she saw it.

When I looked at it, the box once again flew in a dropped items.

This time it wasn't Dandelions, but a huge amount of carrots.

What's more.

“ “This is bunny's carrots” was what's written here.” (Celeste)

“Of course we know! It's not wrong that these carrots are getting out of control” (Ryouta)

The rebellion of the dragon, Eve's carrots.

Even if I did not appeal this was indeed out of my control.

“But still, this is really handy.” (Celeste)

“Yeap, you said it.” (Ryouta)

“Hey hey Ryouta~ May I ask something?” (Alice)

“What is it?” (Ryouta)

“This, who is gonna bring it to the trading shop?” (Alice)

“.....Oh yeah.” (Ryouta)

Carrots that was stacked as high as a mountain, just looking at it, it seemed that we need to make two trips in order to bring it there.

It was something that I've overlooked.



“And that’s the gist of it.” (Ryouta)

The overly familiar trading shop <Swallow’s Repayment>.

And at the reception Elza was standing behind it, where I explained the problem we had to her.

“Another one of Alton-san’s new inventions, Haah.....” (Elza)

“Even though it’s a convenient function to be had, but once it’s been collected all at once it would be really difficult to transfer it all over here. Even though it was suppose to empty the Magic Cart to ease us but in return we still have to use the Magic Carts to carry them here.” (Ryouta)

“Now that is awfully dreadful. What’s more Satou-san’s drops per day is an extreme amount too. The record right now is making a trip of 16 times.” (Elza)

“I can’t believe you’d remember that.” (Ryouta)

Though I knew I exceeded the tens but I didn’t expect it to be over 16.

As I pointed it out, Elza’s best friend Ena who happened to crossed beside us, said so while grinning.

“It’s because it’s Satou-san that’s why.” (Ena)

“Ena !!!” (Elza)

“Ahahahha, don’t hide it, don’t hide it. You always fidget around waiting for Satou-san to come by everyday of the week right.” (Ena)

“There’s nothing of that sort! That’s enough Ena, go back to work.” (Elza)

“Yes boss~” (Ena)

Even though she’d managed to chase away her friend, her face is now bright red.

“A, anyway back onto the topic.” (Elza)

Elza tried her best to get her act together, and tried putting back the story while wearing a calm expression.

“Satou-san always deals with us whenever he sells his drops, is that right?” (Elza)

“Yeah, thanking for what you’ve done all this time.” (Ryouta)

Whether I understand that or not, Elza silently nodded her head, and stood up.

“Please wait for a moment, I’ll go and discuss this case.” (Elza)

“I’m counting on you.” (Ryouta)

Elza then went inside the back of the store, and I waited at the same place for a moment.

Today, the <Swallow’s Repayment> is still as busy as ever, with no shortage of drops and no Magical Wind, the adventurers who splurge a lot during the Harvest Festival was now coming here selling off their drops to earn back the money.

“Thank you for waiting.” (Elza)

Elza returned. After hearing her voice I looked at her direction, and beside her there was a guy standing there.

At first glance, he was a 30 year old man with not much special traits, but for some reason he has a bird’s nest on top of his head.

And from inside the nest a bird could be seen, a deep blue coloured bird—It was a Swallow.

Why is there a Swallow on top of this guy’s head!!

Let’s not tsukkomi him, it might be the latest fashion trend, or maybe it might be his pet.

I don’t know whether eating the bird’s nest is good or if the bird decides to take shit on top of his head, various thoughts were popping in my head, but I decided to hold

back my tsukkomi.

“Let me introduce him to you, this is the owner of the shop.” (Elza)

“So you’re the owner of this shop!!” (Ryouta)

“I’m sorry, a long time ago I offended my family’s secret, and after that every month, I would only come out when a full moon is present.” (Owner)

“When you said you won’t meet anyone but in the end you came out to meet me?!?! I’m glad I did not run away or anything.” (Ryouta)

The owner laughed and sat beside me.

Even though he was moving normally, and the nest was slightly shaking, but for some reason the nest was strangely in balance on his head.

It’s not like the nest was ingrained into his head, what a strange sight to see.

(I really want to tsukkomi him..... though I’m afraid if I did that his back story would never end.)

Working on my self-discipline in full action, the guy gave his name.

“I’m this shop’s owner, name’s Will • Ducker. Nice to meet you.” (Will)

“Ah, aah. Nice to meet you too.” (Ryouta)

“We’re always indebted to you. It’s because Satou-san was always bringing all these dropped items that our store’s reputation has skyrocketed, and our market share in the industry is steadily rising. I give my thanks to you.” (Will)

In one breath, Will cut to the main topic.

“I’ve heard of it from Elza, and I’ve figured out a solution. And I wanted to discuss it with you but... but I would have to dispatch Elza, so what do you think about it?” (Will)

“Eeeeeeeh!?” (Elza)

For some reason Elza was surprised.

Even though she reported it, did she not get the news?

“Oh, Ooooo-Wh-, Whhy is this sudddenly h-happening?” (Elza)

“You don’t like it? Then I would ask Ena’s help then.” (Will)

“Ye~s, I’m okay with this~~” (Ena)

I don’t know whether she’d heard it or not, but Ena who was slightly further away from us gave a thumbs up and grinned.

“I, I did not say that I wasn’t going at all!” (Elza)

“Then that settles it.” (Will)

“Etto, by dispatch, in honesty what does that mean?” (Ryouta)

“By that, it means I’ll dispatch this child as an exclusive staff to the baggage warehouse of the now rumoured Ryouta • Family. She would collect the items of purchase once a day or maybe two if needed, and we will collect it, was what I thought of.” (Will)

“I see.” (Ryouta)

I then ran a simulation inside my head based on that proposal.

That would be great in our favour, the time and labour it takes in carrying it to sell it will finally become nearly zero, what’s more I can trust Elza so it’s no problem.

What’s more this proposal is all in my favour.

“But is that alright?” (Ryouta)

“To be honest I don’t do these sorts of request, but because Satou-san would continue to help us in the future, so it’s a special case.” (Will)

“Special, is it.” (Ryouta)

“Yeah, cause it’s Satou-san.” (Will)

Will was looking at me straight in the eyes, how's that? Was written all over his face. I'm happy for his proposal, so I once again simulated it, and there wasn't any reason to decline this offer.

"Then I'll leave it to your hands." (Ryouta)

"Let's work together from today onwards." (Will)

Will stood up and showed his hands, I then stood up and shook his hand.

Just like that, Elza was now dispatched to us.

Chapter 82

100 Million Player

Nihonium Dungeon, 5th floor.

Where the Dungeon Snow was pouring down in this limestone cave, and there I was fighting with a red bone, I mean a Red Skeleton.

The Red Skeleton that has absorbed the Dungeon's Magic and was strengthen up, making it thrice as fast as a normal Skeleton.

What's more, I was fighting several of these.

As the three Red Skeleton inched closer to me, I grabbed hold of my gun and fired normal bullets at them.

Two bodies were hit pretty badly by my bullet, but one of it dodged my bullet and moved back.

The one that moved backwards instantly dashed in front of me and kicked my stomach before backing off into a distance.

It was a brilliant "Hit and Away" move for a monster.

"It's getting even faster!" (Ryouta)

After it backed off when it kicked me—in other words, it jumped backwards from me but, immediately after it's speed increased and went right behind me.

I immediately felt something flew beside me, and the Red Skeleton swung it's arm down, giving me a sharp cut through the air.

This Red Skeleton which only absorbs the Dungeon Snow when it sees human approaching it, if I don't swiftly defeat it then it would be extremely difficult to defeat it if it absorbs even more Dungeon Snow.

Pan!

Even though I shot a normal bullet at it, it dodged with great mobility.

Rattle, rattle, rattle.

After dodging my bullet it's bones were shaking at a tremendous speed.

It's as if it's laughing—it's as if it's making fun of me.

“.....” (Ryouta)

The Red Skeleton once again drew closer to me at a high speed, but I held my gun.

It turned around right as I held my gun and went behind me in an instant—but.

“Too ignorant!” (Ryouta)

I pretended to take him on seriously and instead went behind him.

My Speed S is not just there to be decorated, as my speed can be compared with the Red Skeleton.”

As it was moving, I've made the initiative to move behind him before he could reach behind me.

I didn't attack right away, as I moved and lightly strike at him to confirm something.

Again I moved, capture him, and lightly strike at him.

After repeating that for around 5 minutes.

The Red Skeleton was finally faster than me.

I could not move behind him and my attack did not go through.

“5 minutes huh, seems like the Red Skeleton has surpassed S Speed.” (Ryouta)

It was on a whim that I decided to test this.

And the result, was that before it can be faster than me, it has to take 5 minutes before it could surpass my speed.

Let’s remember this.

I then took out my gun, dual wielding it I loaded the Bullet Enhancer one after the other, and finally loaded a Homing Bullet.

The bullet then chased after the Red Skeleton. The Red Skeleton’s speed was fast to the point that I can see afterimages of it moving, but no matter how fast it was the Homing Bullet still chased after it and finally hit it’s back.

Firing two bullets at it, the bones finally shattered, and a seed dropped on the ground. I picked it up, and it increased my MP.

Ability up, and also testing some stuff.

Doing my usual routine in the morning, and as it was about to reach afternoon my MP has been increased from E to D.



A restless afternoon

Teruru Dungeon, first floor.

Defeating the Slime, it dropped beansprouts.

I kept my gun away and continued pushing my Magic Cart, and any Slime that flew to my direction, I just grabbed hold of it and squeeze it right on top of the Magic Cart and continued on.

It was something I made up a few days ago called <Super Cart Style>.

After the beansprouts was filled up, I did not leave the dungeon but instead pushed a button to send all the beansprouts away.

A rumbling sound was heard, and the cart was empty.

I then continued hunting for more Slimes to get dem beansprouts.

After a while the cart was filled up once again, and again towards my house—it was being sent to our house where Elza was dispatched to take them.

Because I wanted to sent these I was restless right now.

To the point where I did not even count the amount, more like I do not have the luxury of doing so.

It was because once the cart was full I had to quickly clear it up and collect more beansprouts.

It wasn't just the beansprouts, I needed to head to the third floor and get some Pumpkins.

Also the fourth floor's bamboo shoots, and the fifth floor's watermelon.

Because of that, I did not have the time to calculate the exact earnings I'd gotten.

So restless.

After finally finishing my task, I wanted to know the results, but I got frustrated during the process of doing this.

I wanted to return and know of the result, but I was lost in thoughts several times, and decided to endure it and continued hunting.

Thus, my entire afternoon was taken to do this.

Not going out of the dungeon once, I was hunting monsters nonstop.



Evening, as I returned to my three-story house, Emily and Celeste was already at home waiting for me at the first floor.

“Welcome back nanodesu.” (Emily)

“Welcome home.” (Celeste)

“I’m back. Were you counting?” (Ryouta)

The first floor basement for Magic Cart, there was makeshift office.

Over there was Elza with papers stacked high up as she was writing at a fast pace.

As I looked at what she was doing, there were plenty of numbers being written, so I guess she was calculating today’s total earnings.

“So how was everyone?” (Ryouta)

“I’m still not sure. After finished counting, we wanted to wait for Ryouta-san to return before announcing it all together.” (Celeste)

“This is the first time nanodesu, that I am eager to know how much we earned nodesu” (Emily)

“Same here. In the middle of hunting I wanted to know so badly that my focus was all over the place, so I assumed that today’s efficiency would be worse than usual.” (Ryouta)

“I understand that feeling desu.” (Emily)

Emily showed her consent.

Hopefully by tomorrow I won’t be this restless and my efficiency would be back to normal again, so I thought that if the earning for today would fall, it doesn’t matter anymore.

Whilst thinking about it we waited for awhile, and finally Elza put down her pen and looked up.

“Thank you for your hard work. Is the calculation over?” (Ryouta)

“Yes. The total earning of everyone today is——” (Elza)

“Aahh, please give us the individual’s earning first.” (Ryouta)

“Eh? Oh, okay. Then first off, Celeste-san earning was 156551Piro.” (Elza)

“Previously Celeste’s earning was around 100k right?” (Ryouta)

“I’m genuinely surprised... an increase of 1.5 times...” (Celeste)

Even the person herself had a face as if she couldn’t believe it.

“Next is Emily-san. It’s 273972Piro.” (Elza)

“Eeeeehhhh!!! Th, that much desu?” (Emily)

“Yes, I’m not mistaken.” (Elza)

“Emily you’re amazing~” (Ryouta)

“It, it’s because of Yoda-san desu >W<” (Emily)

“No no that’s not it, earning 270k is an amazing achievement.” (Ryouta)

“What does that mean desu?” (Emily)

“I’ve previously calculated this but, if you earn a total of 270k a day, then after a year you would have earned a total of 100 Million.” (Ryouta)

“Eeeeeehhhhhh!!!!?” (Emily)

“100 Million... that is indeed amazing.” (Celeste)

Emily who was shocked beyond belief, and Celeste who caught her tongue while speaking.

Of course it’s not like we go and dive into the dungeon each day, nevertheless 270K a day is something symbolic and something to look as a point of arrival.

“Congratulations Emily, You finally earned the achievement of 100Million Player.” (Ryouta)

“Come on..... It’s all because of Yoda-san’s help desu...” (Emily)

Emily’s cheek was dyed red, and smiled brightly while being embarrassed.

She seemed to be really happy about it.

“Well then... last is me then.” (Ryouta)

Again I felt restless.

Looking at Elza, I waited for my total earning.

In my mind I was picturing someone doing a drumroll for me as my heart was racing even faster.

“As for Ryouta-san, it’s 2999808 Piro.” (Elza)

“Ooooh!! Ooh? Aah..... just shy away of 3 Million...” (Ryouta)

In that one moment I had so many feelings hitting me all at once.

I was happy of my new record, but then it was unfortunate that I did not hit 3 Million.

A lot of feelings hit me right in the heart(Kokoro).

But.

“Awesome, as expected of Ryouta-san.” (Celeste)

“Eh?” (Ryouta)

“A 1 Billion Player nanodesu!” (Emily)

“...Ooh.” (Ryouta)

100 Million was indeed huge so I responded quickly, but I soon understood immediately that it was in billions.

A Billion Player huh... Un, it might be more awesome than I initially thought.

At night, I wasn’t able to sleep as my excitement was rising ever so high.

Chapter 83

Dungeon that eats villagers

At night, we had a party at the second floor's living room.

There were various foods being placed on top of the table. It was as grand as the Hotel Viking, and all of them were made by Emily.

As of right now, the one's surrounding the table were the Ryouta Family and Elza.

Being the only outsider over here, Elza was puzzled while holding a cup that had drinks being poured in it.

"Is it alright for me to join in too?" (Elza)

"The more the merrier nodesu~ We've also done this many times in the past when we were inside the dungeon. My mom loves parties and would always put up excuses and say "It's time to party~!" nodesu." (Emily)

"What a lively mom you have." (Alice)

"We would also have her most favorite wine that was dropped in a dungeon and was being kept for a year plus nodesu." (Emily)

"When you put it that way, it's rather hard to imagine what kind of mother was she." (Ryouta)

"Probably someone similar to Eve-chan!" (Alice)

After Alice said that, she went ahead and hugged Eve.

Even that looked like a small animal holding onto her carrot had a look of annoyance, as Alice embraced and cuddled her while she was casually holding onto her carrot.

『Celebrating • Emily being a 1 Million Player』 party, and for the main guest Emily, we applaud which made it even more lively.

"Ryouta-san, look at this!" (Celeste)

Celeste called me as I thought what was it and turned around, she was holding onto a plate with both her hands, wanting me to see it.

The plate showed Alice's friends, Boney-chan and Jumpy-san. Other than that there were two dolls of Boney-chan and Jumpy-san that looked really similar to the original ones.

The two body which had the same deformed size, and the material being used was indeed cloth.

The two original body looked at the dolls curiously, which made them create a rattling and bouncy noise.

"They aren't running away, they're actually on my hands!" (Celeste)

"That's great Celeste. However, what's up with the two dolls?" (Ryouta)

"I made them." (Celeste)

"You made them? Celeste did?..... That's awesome, if you put those inside a crane machine, I think people won't find it weird at all." (Ryouta)

"A~d~o~r~a~b~l~e~~~" (Celeste)

Celeste's eyes were shaped into hearts while looking at Boney-chan and Jumpy-san.

Even though several days ago, when Celeste tried to get close to them they would immediately hid themselves, thinking about it this was a huge step forward.

Thus, thinking it that way it was a huge accomplishment to be had.

"In any case this is awesome, I know that you like dolls and what not, but I didn't expect to you to actually make one by yourself. What's more it's really cute." (Ryouta)

"Celeste=san awesome nodesu! Yoda-san's do——" (Emily)

"Wa~ Wa~ Wa~ Wa~!!" (Celeste)

For some reason Celeste raised her voice, not letting Emily finished her sentence.

Sounds like my name was being mentioned but what was it?

"Aahh....." (Celeste)

Celeste who suddenly raised her voice soon after become discouraged.

That was because Boney-chan and Jumpy-san which was on top of Celeste's palms was frightened by her voice, immediately reacted to it and ran away.

They jumped down onto the table making rattling and bouncing noises, and in a second, they were climbing onto Alice's clothes.

"Aaah....." (Celeste)

The disappointed Celeste, looked at the two of them and reached out her hands in sorrow.

Seems like this would need a few more days before her dreams will come true.

And thus the party continued.

Having the highest quality of ingredients and the greatest atmosphere, the time passed quickly as we were having so much fun.

As I took a deep breath and lean against the wall, allowing my body to gradually move downwards onto the floor, Elza saw me and walked towards my direction.

"Thanks for the hard work." (Elza)

"You too. Thanks for today, it must've been a pain to move around this much." (Ryouta)

"It's alright, it's my job to handle these. But then again it was amazing." (Elza)

"Amazing?" (Ryouta)

"Ryouta-san's family. Even though everyone is this amazing but they are harmonic. Especially Eve-chan who was once known as the Killing Rabbit could actually join with normal people which really surprised me." (Elza)

"It's because of Emily. You've also noticed something when entering this living room right? This warmth and brightness as if it were created by magic, it's all due to the power of her." (Ryouta)

".....Though I think of Emily-san as a normal person." (Elza)

"A normal person?" (Ryouta)

I wondered what that implied, as I tilted my head and looked at Elza.

“Not as a Saint or a God, but as a normal person. A normal person would not make their enemy’s house so bright and warm for them, more like it’s impossible.” (Elza)

“Ah, I see your point.” (Ryouta)

“To me, this house resembles a mirror. It reflects the image that Emily wants to portray to the person she adores.” (Elza)

After finishing her sentence Elza looked straight at me.

The person that Emily wanted to portray too..... is that me?

“Hence why I think that Ryouta-san is an amazing person.” (Elza)

“Are you sure about that?” (Ryouta)

“And that’s why I’m really happy that I can work under Ryouta-san. Though I was recently dispatched, but please take care of me from today onwards.” (Elza)

“Yeap, I will do my best.” (Ryouta)

Elza and I then firmly shook each other’s hands.

And thus the loud and lively party continued until late at night.



The next day, in order to meet me who was doing my daily routine at Nihonium, Clint called me over to his office.

Though I wanted to do it right after my routine, but it was something urgent thus I stopped my routine halfway and went straight to the Dungeon Association.

After knocking, I went inside the chief’s office and saw that Clint was sitting down relaxingly while drinking.

On top of the drink was a layer of white that looked like paper being wrapped with medicine stacking as high as a mountain, he drank it all in a gulp like it was water.

Was the emergency to give him a stomach medicine? Though he seemed fine and could even drink it without water.

While thinking of such nonsense I spoke.

“Are you alright?” (Ryouta)

“Aah, I’m okay. Because of this my mood was slightly lifted.” (Clint)

“By fine, you don’t mean drinking that terrible looking medicine right.” (Ryouta)

“Don’t worry about it, it’s just plain sugar.” (Clint)

“That isn’t medicine then!!!” (Ryouta)

“But if I do this then I would feel better.” (Clint)

“You’re having your priorities wrong!!” (Ryouta)

This guy will definitely get diabetes in the near future, as I thought to myself.

For now if I don’t continue the talk, as I was thinking about it I sat next to the sofa where Clint was sitting.

“Actually, there recently was a new Dungeon being born.” (Clint)

“Hah...” (Ryouta)

Is it those kinds of talks again.

During the time when I came to this world, there were already two dungeons being born which was Nihonium and Selen.

It’s quite frequent, I suppose but wasn’t it suppose to be rare or something.

Isn’t it quite likely as I keep hearing about it.

Though, Clint gave off a serious expression.

His seriousness was so severe that on the table there was a small box that was open, he would just grab the cubic sugar and eat it as is sort of seriousness.

“It was recently born in a village that doesn’t have a single dungeon whatsoever, which was fine and all, but the problem was when it came to life it ate up half of the entire village.” (Clint)

“It swallow the village.” (Ryouta)

“It happens from time to time, where the dungeon would be right below the village, but to swallow the village..... as it sometimes would take over the village.” (Clint)

“That is... indeed troublesome.” (Ryouta)

This was something that I could not imagine happening, but that seriousness he showed made me believed in his words.

“Since it was so sudden it swallow some of the villagers too, thus many rescuers went to help them, but the main issue is the rogue dungeon right now.” (Clint)

“Rogue Dungeon?” (Ryouta)

“The term meant that a dungeon whose structure inside would change every time someone enters. Hence why sending out rescuers is a difficult task.” (Clint)

“So you would be played into it infinitely.....” (Ryouta)

Clint then stared at me while I was murmuring

“Thus I had to send the elites which is the Mighty Hero. I beg of you, I want you to head over to the new dungeon and save the villagers. Only you can help in this!!!” (Clint)

Clint then placed his hands on the table and stood up, his momentum was so quick that it looked like the table would be lifted up.

“I got it.” (Ryouta)

“Really! THANK YOU! Once again thank you for your help!!” (Clint)

After receiving a map from Clint who was desperately thanking me over and over again, I quickly left the Dungeon Association building.

A Dungeon that swallows a village huh..... if I don't hurry over things might get worse.

Chapter 84

Devils and Parents thinking for their child

After talking and taking the map back, I went and discuss it with my teammates.

Inside the bright and warm home, usually we would chill and relax at the living room, but this time they had a serious expression when they heard the news.

“What’s the village name?” (Celeste)

“Etto, According to the map it’s called Indole.” (Ryouta)

“Eeeh??!!” (Alice)

Alice suddenly raised her voice.

“What’s wrong Alice?” (Ryouta)

“That’s my village. Is it really Indole?” (Alice)

“Yeah... It’s this right?” (Ryouta)

I held the map that was given by the somewhat confused Clint to Alice to look at it. She hurriedly took it and immediately answered.

“Un! That’s Indole. How could something like this happen.....” (Alice)

“Th, this has become something huge desu...” (Emily)

“Ryouta! I want to go too, please bring me along.” (Alice)

“Alright leggo. I would also prefer if one more person would tag along.” (Ryouta)

“Why only one? If everyone were to go then our fighting power would drastically increase and wouldn’t the probability of rescuing people would increase too?” (Celeste)

Celeste made a really obvious statement.

“Well, you’ve also heard the story where if someone were to enter the Rogue Dungeon, the structure would change too. So it’s not about whether all of us should go or not, it’s that if the structure were to rapidly change, then we might endanger the lives of the villagers that were trapped inside the dungeon.” (Ryouta)

“I see.” (Celeste)

“So that’s why you only need one more person nanodesu.....” (Emily)

What should we do, as we cracked our heads together.

“Bunny will go.” (Eve)

Suddenly, the person I least expect raised up her hand

It was Eve with her proud bunny ears and her sexy bunny suit.

It was really out of the blue that she, a person who would only care about carrots, would recommend herself.

“You sure?” (Ryouta)

Though quietly, but with a firm resolution, Eve nodded.

With that, together with Eve and Alice, the three of us would head to Indole.



Indole was located at the foot of a mountain where it was being sliced in half by a river with nothing special in the village in particular.

Compare to Shikuro, the buildings here were made of simple material with the feeling of an extremely outskirt countryside.

Though it can’t be said it’s at a rural area, but there doesn’t seem to have any livestock nor agricultural tools.

It makes one wonder how the everyday life is made up.

Though, now is not the time to worry about such things.

When we arrived at the village, we could already here it was buzzing with noises.

“What’s going on?” (Ryouta)

“It’s coming from that area!” (Alice)

As Alice said so she went straight to the noise.

Even and I then hurriedly catch up to her pace.

After passing by some houses, there was the entrance of the dungeon right at an open space.

Normally a dungeon would be away from the city but this dungeon is literally at the center of the village.

It was unnatural that there were nothing surrounding it. It’s not that the village has nothing, but the area where there should be traces of people living and roads for them to walk, but none of those existed around the dungeon.

It’s as if someone took an eraser and erase all the things surrounding the dungeon’s entrance, making it look abnormal.

And over there villagers were gathering around, and they were making noises while looking at the entrance of the dungeon.

Alice then went straight to the villagers and asked them.

“Everyone! What happened?” (Alice)

“Isn’t it Alice-chan, since when did you return?” (Villager A)

“I heard that the village sucked in by the dungeon that’s why I came back. Is there something else that happened?” (Alice)

“Aah, one of the trapped villagers came out from the dungeon. Apparently he received help from someone and managed to escape from the dungeon.” (Villager B)

The villager then answered Alice.

Further away from us, there was a villager whose appearance was in batters.

I think he is talking about the situation of villagers being sucked into the dungeon and was currently being treated.

“I see... so he managed to escape.” (Alice)

“About that, it seems that there was another person who fled with him but got left astray on the way back named Rick.” (Villager C)

“Got strayed?” (Alice)

“Seems like before reaching the entrance he was strayed.” (Villager D)

“That means he’s still inside?” (Alice)

The guy nodded, and Alice was lost for words.

I suddenly had a bad feeling.

After thinking about something the villagers were noisy once again.

“Seems like someone came out!” (Villager E)

“It’s Rick! That appearance must be Rick!” (Villager F)

“Seems like he has fallen!” (Villager G)

I looked at the entrance of the dungeon.

There was a younger man who was even more battered than the previous person where he fell down right at the entrance of the dungeon.

He was stretching his arms and looked seriously injured, but luckily he is still breathing.

“Rick!” (Villager H)

From within the villagers, an elderly man ran towards him.

Seems to be the father of that young man.

He desperately ran towards him. It's an obvious reaction to run towards your son who has escaped from the dungeon and looked like he was about to die, but.

“Wait! Someone stop that guy!” (Ryouta)

Even though I shouted, but the villagers did not budge at all.

Some of them even glance eyes of hatred, having expressions as if saying “The hell is wrong with you!”.

I don't have time to explain, I have to stop him.

While thinking so I stepped on the ground and dashed forward—and went straight to the guy who was in the dungeon.

The elderly man who was so close on saving his son..... but.

“He, he disappeared.” (Villager I)

“Where did the two of them went!?!” (Villager J)

The moment the elderly man step foot onto the entrance, the both of them suddenly disappeared.

“I was too late.....” (Ryouta)

I then let out a huge sigh.

A Rogue dungeon that changes it's structure when someone goes in.

Even if the person is right in front of you, the worst thing to do is running towards him and try to save him.



“I'll go in then.” (Villager K)

The villagers then made even more noise, then I said something to Eve and Alice.

“Is Ryouta gonna go in alone?” (Alice)

“You saw it too right? It’s no use going in together. More like it would make things worse by changing the structure of the dungeon again and again.” (Ryouta)

“I, I guess so.” (Alice)

“Then what should bunny and the rest do?” (Eve)

“Please help seal the entrance. I don’t want anymore villagers coming into the dungeon anymore like just now.” (Ryouta) “I got it! Everyone please cooperate.” (Alice)

“Time to use my strength.” (Eve)

Alice was enthusiastically holding her fist, whereas Eve had a blank expression while making a chop hand and moving it up and down.

While leaving it to the both of them, I went inside the dungeon.

Instantly, the scenery around me changed.

The dungeon was a cobblestone type underpass, where I was standing on a single road.

Whether I look in front or behind me there was only one road, the entrance which I came in just a moment ago was never to be seen again.

What a meddlesome dungeon this is, it’s not suitable for large groups of adventurers to enter and go around.

I was also starting to get used to this world, where without thinking, I put all my bullets into my guns, and prepare for any situation that may occur.

And immediately I was being encountered by a monster.

Though it was a monster the shape of a human, but it’s size was small, it was one size smaller than the 130cm Emily.

Though it’s not of a body of a child, but the face had a weird adult look to it, plus you can see fangs on each of the corner of it’s mouth. It’s back also had bat wings growing

from within, using them to fly.

It was a little devil monster.

I wonder what's the name of this monster, while thinking about it I readied my gun but the enemy immediately ran away.

I then lowered my gun while looking at the unexpected situation.

I guess this was the first time that a monster immediately escape when I encountered it.

“It might be those kinds of monster——” (Ryouta)

Gashin! There was an impact from the back of my head.

I was completely attacked by surprised and fell down, I immediately stood up and turned around.

The monster that ran away was now there, when did it sneak behind me and attack me.

Because of the false withdrawal and the success of the surprise attack, it was showing an objectionable face since just now.

It then tried to run away again——but.

“I won't let you run again!” (Ryouta)

With my Speed S I ran around him, and as he was flying he saw me and made a surprised expression and I pulled the trigger.

As if countering my attack it used it's wings to block and the bullet pierced through it's wings.

Part of it's wings came off, and it was floating weakly.

Time to deal the final blow——

“Guwaaaaaaaaa!”

I suddenly heard the screams of a guy.

It jolted my memory as it was the cries of the elderly man that tried to save his son a moment ago.

Letting the monster go, I went ahead to where the scream was.

Running through the underpass of the stone pavement, there was a place which was slightly opened area.

There the elderly man and his son was there.

And a monster was there too.

The son was laying on the floor unconscious, where he looked like he was breathing heavily.

And the little devil was sinking it's sharp teeth onto the son's neck.

And the other monster that caught hold of the father because the son was being taken hostage of and thus could not fight back.

"Guo... Guwaaaa!" (Elderly man)

Even though the dad at their mercy, he could not do anything.

But he could only desperately looked at his son who was injured.

The two monsters who was looking at the father was laughing maniacally.

I can feel my blood becoming cold. I felt even more pissed when I was being surprised attacked a while ago.

I took a deep breath, then kicked the ground as I rushed forward.

First off is to save the son which was being held by the monster, I used my left hand to grab hold of it's head.

Afterwards I rushed ahead, then grabbed hold of the other monster which was still laughing at the father with my right hand.

The two monsters that was being overwhelmed, I firmly grasped hold of the two of them and slammed them onto a wall over and over again.

Gugugu——Gushya!

After a while, I can feel the heads being crushed against the dungeon wall and collapsing.

Finally letting go of my hands, and the two little devils that lost it's head plop down on the ground like ragdolls.

“Ri..... ck.....” (Elderly man)

The father that had no strength to stand up, crawled on the ground and head towards his son.

The son had serious injuries, which was even severe than the father.

If I were to leave them there it would get worse..... but.

I took out my gun, and loaded some ammos.

5 Bullet Enhancer, and 1 Healing Bullet.

This was the highest healing factor I could come up with, and with that I shot it towards the father and son.

Then, a white light envelopes the both of them.

“Rick! Are you alright Rick!” (Elderly man)

“Father? Why are you here?” (Rick)

A father who risks his life and his son who was confused.

First off, I have to rescue them out of here.

Chapter 85

Rescuing Everyone

“Thank you..... Really thank you! How should I repay you for this kindness.” (Aaron)

“Thank you very much for saving us.” (Rick)

The father and son, Aaron and Rick respectively, who was saved by me was thanking me over and over again.

“What’s more, what happened to the other villagers that were sucked into this dungeon.” (Ryouta)

“I’m not sure either.” (Rick)

I wanted to extract some information concerning about this dungeon from Rick who had almost reached the entrance of the dungeon, but all I got was a shrugged and a frown on his eyebrows.

“You don’t know?” (Ryouta)

“At first, everyone was together when we were sucked into the dungeon, but the structure of the dungeon kept changing and we ended up getting separated. Even the houses disappeared” (Rick)

“What do you mean by the houses disappearing?” (Ryouta)

“Though there were several houses being swept into the dungeon, when it was the third time when the structure of the dungeon changed, the house beside me was already gone.” (Rick)

“Mei-chan’s home?” (Aaron)

Rick nodded to Aaron’s answer.

“I was wondering what to do, but the last I was sent flying away was when I could see

a shining light ahead of me and also the voices of the villagers so I tried escaping from the house to leave the dungeon, but there was a monster and I did managed to escape from it though I sustained a huge injury, and using the last of my energy, I crawled towards the entrance.” (Rick)

“I see.” (Ryouta)

From what I can conclude, when the dungeon was first spotted, 10 or so houses were being swallowed into the dungeon.

Even though all of them landed at the same place, but from what I heard there were people going in to rescue them, which backfired and ended up separating the villagers into various places.

This might be way worse than what I’d envisioned.



Afterwards I escorted Aaron and Rick out of the dungeon.

Along the way we encountered three of those little devilish monsters, but I defeated them in an instant and we safely continued onwards.

Even though this was my first time in this dungeon, plus the layout changes each time someone comes in which makes one lost their path, but I managed to lead the two of them out of the dungeon.

“Aaron-san! Rick!” (Villager A)

“Are the two of you alright!?” (Villager B)

“I’m glad that you’re all alright.” (Villager C)

The villagers sprang forward, and made a circle around us as they celebrated their survival through their mouths.

On the other hand Alice and Eve came back to my direction.

“Good work Ryouta~” (Alice)

“There seems to be several more people trapped inside there so I’m gonna go inside once more.” (Ryouta)

“Hey listen to this, just now another person was saved.” (Alice)

“Did he escape by himself?” (Ryouta)

“Not really, when Ryouta went inside the dungeon and the layout changed, right at the entrance of the dungeon someone appeared.” (Alice)

“Oh wow, that means when the layout changed he just so happened to be flown at the entrance. What’s more even closer than when Rick was close to the dungeon.” (Ryouta)

“He was lucky.” (Eve)

Eve frankly spoke.

It’s true that his luck was good, I can only say that he was lucky that the needed rescuer was brought near to the entrance as soon as I went into the dungeon.

“Welp time to go in again, so how many are there left to be saved?” (Ryouta)

“Uhhh lemme see, since Rick is now here, another 13 people.” (Alice)

“That’s a lot..... I was hoping to go in once and save them all but..... I guess that’s impossible now.” (Ryouta)

Looking back on the situation of the villagers who we’ve been able to rescue so far, it’s best to say that they have been scattered around pretty thoroughly.

“Bunny will go too.” (Eve)

“That’s right, then I’ll count on you. The monsters aren’t that strong, so Eve would find it rather easy.” (Ryouta)

“K.” (Eve)

“How about me?” (Alice)

“For Alice it’s gonna be slightly tougher, so I suggest waiting outside.” (Ryouta)

“.....Okay. I’ll do that.” (Alice)

Thus leaving Alice behind, Eve and I went inside the dungeon at the same time.



As I kicked the monsters I continued heading around the dungeon.

I was suppose to be the vanguard, while Eve was suppose to be the rearguard.

Even though I was just one step ahead of Eve when heading into the dungeon, but with just that Eve and I were separated when we went into the dungeon.

Whoever goes in will change the layout of the dungeon, it seriously is an annoying dungeon to deal with.

Anywho I hurried ahead while figuring out an efficient strategy to rescue all of the villagers.

Since the layout always changes, I thought that I had no choice but to make a marker, thus I tried to hit the dungeon's wall with my right hand as I proceeded going right and right continuously.

Certainly with this method I will somehow reach something—which wouldn't overthrow me.

“——-san.”

Suddenly, I heard a human voice from afar.

As soon as we heard that voice I ran towards it, turning around two corners, and saw a girl sitting on the ground while crying.

A little kid the age of an elementary school girl was holding onto her knees while crying.

“I'm hungry..... and it's cold.....” (Young girl)

“Hey you!” (Ryouta)

“——-! Who are you, uncle?” (Young girl)

“Unc——-” (Ryouta)

I was suddenly caught of guard. It was painful for me as my heart did not came prepared when I heard the word “Uncle”.

I then quickly switched my upsetting mind and ran towards the girl.

“Are you alright? Are there any injuries anywhere?” (Ryouta)

“Yeah, I’m fine.” (Young Girl)

“I see. What’s your name little girl?” (Ryouta)

“Meru.” (Meru)

“Oh Meru-chan. Okay Meru, let’s head out right now.” (Ryouta)

“But a scary devil—is around here. If we move it will find us.” (Meru)

“It finds you when you move?” (Ryouta)

“Yes! It seems like it can’t see you if you stay really still.” (Meru)

“Is that so!?” (Ryouta)

I did not notice this at all.

No, I did not even bother noticing it.

Because if you encounter a monster in a dungeon, your reflexes was to immediately prepare for battle, even if you do not go for the preemptive strike.

I wouldn’t even have noticed that the monster would have such a Daruma-san like characteristics as my pattern was to always attack first.

“So we should stay still.” (Meru)

“Okay. Great job noticing that. Now, let’s head out now.” (Ryouta)

“But the devil.....” (Meru)

“Don’t worry about that, now let’s hurry.” (Ryouta)

Helping the young girl stand up, we went ahead while protecting her.

Again I used my right hand to mark the walls, and along the way monsters came out to aim at the weaker target which was Meru, but all of them were killed instantly.

We finally reached the exit after walking for about 20 minutes.

When we went out, the same villagers who greeted Aaron and his son gathered around Meru.

A young woman ran towards Meru and hugged her. Apparently the young woman shedding tears while hugging Meru was her mother. The young mother that was repeatedly saying sorry was crying but was happy that her daughter was safe.

While looking at that scene, I called Alice over.

“How many more?” (Ryouta)

“12 more to go.” (Alice)

“So Eve hasn’t come out yet? Ugh..... this is gonna take too much time.” (Ryouta)

“It hurts when everyone is all separated.” (Alice)

“How I wish we could use the Humanity tactics. Since Clint said the dungeon always changes, I thought that it would be better to bring along a few elite adventurers, but since it becomes disjointed when diving into the dungeon, it’s better if fewer people goes in.” (Ryouta)

“Then should all the villagers go in at once?” (Alice)

“The monsters inside are quite strong.” (Ryouta)

“How strong are they?” (Alice)

From Alice’s shoulder, Boney-chan and Jumpy-san emerged.

“About 5 times as strong as Boney-chan and Jumpy-san.” (Ryouta)

“That is indeed strong...” (Alice)

“If you were to go in an accident could happen to you while you are trying to rescue the villagers that are already in a pinch, so I suggest if you don’t..... Oh, well if the villagers are all adventurers, then I suppose it might work.” (Ryouta)

A sight popped up in my head.

Just as Rick and the subsequent villagers have escaped, there was a possibility that the villagers that were trapped within would be blown near the entrance if someone

enters.

“If there were a large number of adventurers that could protect themselves, then we could just let them in one by one and take advantage of the rapid changes of the dungeon.” (Ryouta)

“Then that would be quicker!” (Alice)

“Though contemplating on something which couldn’t be done is pointless. Guess I’ll head in again.” (Ryouta)

“I’ll wait for you Ryouta, but I think I should head in too. If Ryouta goes alone it would take too much time.” (Alice)

“But.” (Ryouta)

“It’s alright as Boney-chan and Jumpy-san is with me. So they can protect me too.” (Alice)

“.....If you say so. I should tell you something before we go in, apparently the monster would not be able to see you if you stand still.” (Ryouta)

“Oh okay, is Boney-chan and Jumpy-san ready?” (Alice)

The two little munchkins on Alice’s shoulders both rattled and jumped.

It was a charming movement, but today something was off.

However, after hearing Alice’s words, their bodies stopped moving, and the reason why they stopped was because——.

“——Eh?” (Ryouta)

“What’s wrong Ryouta?” (Alice)

“.....Alice, about Boney-chan and Jumpy-san, after they transformed and turned back to chibi’s, what would happen to them? What I meant was if they were defeated.” (Ryouta)

“What would happened?” (Alice)

“Like where would they go?” (Ryouta)

“They would just come back to me.” (Alice)

As Alice said that she made Boney-chan bigger.

Even though it got bigger, it's deformed charm was still there.

It then walked ten steps away from us, then disappeared and went back to Alice's shoulder.

"Haven't I done it before? When using Boney-chan and Jumpy-san to fight?" (Alice)

"That's right... Hey Alice." (Ryouta)

"What it is?" (Alice)

"If we let Boney-chan and Jumpy-san enter... then won't the dungeon change?" (Ryouta)

"Eeh..... Aah!" (Alice)

Alice seemed to get what I was saying after a slight pause.

We then ran straight to the entrance of the dungeon.

The villagers that was gathered there was wondering why we started running so suddenly.

"Alice." (Ryouta)

"Okay. Then Boney-chan, please do your thing~" (Alice)

Boney-chan then became a Skeleton again. Even when a monster popped right out of nowhere though the appearance looked deformed, the villagers weren't afraid.

Boney-chan then entered the dungeon—and disappeared.

"It's the same!" (Ryouta)

"Yeah! Same as when Ryouta, Eve, and Rick went in." (Alice)

"So can she return?" (Ryouta)

"Wait for a mo..... return home Boney-chan!" (Alice)

Boney-chan then came back onto Alice's shoulder.

"Go go, Jumpy-san." (Alice)

This time the Slime entered the dungeon and disappeared, and the layout of the dungeon changed yet again.

And then he came back.

"We can do it! You just have to keep doing that then Alice!" (Ryouta)

"Un! Both of you please!" (Alice)

Alice sent her fellow monsters(troopers) one after the other into the dungeon.

The structure of the dungeon changed once every 10 seconds.

And when the 10th time.

"It's Kurau's house!" (Villager D)

"A monster attacked and it's burning!" (Villager E)

"Help me!" (Kurau)

At the entrance, we could see a house was on fire. Not only that, but the little devil monsters were burning the house.

Looking at it, the villagers ran tall at once.

"Don't go in! Haiz, I'll head on first." (Ryouta)

I took out a restraint bullet and aimed at the villagers who were running.

Then a bright light rope bind the villagers.

"What's this!" (Villager F)

“I can’t get out!” (Villager G)

I left the hot blooded villagers there, and this time loaded the Homing Bullets.

It was difficult to aim from outside the dungeon as the entrance gets darker as you looked into it, thus I had no choice but to use this.

After twelve shots of Homing bullets, the bullets dive towards at an irregular trajectory and flew into the dungeon, hitting the little devils.

“Is anyone there?” (Ryouta)

I called from outside the dungeon, and there a middle-aged lady came out from the building which was in flames.

Her face was full of soot and made her cough, but she seemed to be able to walk on her own.

The woman, named Kurau, managed to leave the dungeon while leaning.

“In about 3 minutes we saved another person... let’s continue with this pace.” (Ryouta)

“Yup!” (Alice)

Alice then sent out her fellow monsters again to change the layout of the dungeon.

Even though the layout changes randomly and irregularly, but it was working.

Around 10 to 20 times there were villagers at the entrance, and I was in charge of defeating the monsters, and those villagers that were badly injured was being cured by my Healing Bullet, and for those who could not walk anymore, I threw a rope inside the dungeon to pull them out.

The villagers who finally understood what we were doing finally calmed down and left us be.

After what took about an hour, we finally rescued the last person.

The villagers then surrounded Alice and I and raised their voice as they cheered and praised us.

By the way.

“I haaaaate low level.” (Eve)

There wasn't any explanation whatsoever, as Eve who had undergone more than 100 times of layout changes in the dungeon went up to me and suddenly beat up my head with more power this time.

Chapter 86

Opening to a financial connection

At night, in Alice's house

We were brought to the place that she grew up, her house.

It was similar to the rest of the villagers house, where there wasn't much complication in building the house.

Together with Eve, we were being asked to stay at Alice's house.

"I'm sorry that I had to do all of that because I wanted to help them as soon as possible." (Ryouta)

".....This shakes a lot." (Eve)

"I'm really sorry." (Ryouta)

"Low level is unfaithful." (Eve)

"I beg you to please forgive me." (Ryouta)

"Low level is not qualified to live." (Eve)

"Are you going that far!? What's more isn't that a really old saying?" (Ryouta)

"Oh my my, I guess I lost my qualifications to live too." (Alice)

Rarely do I see Eve being so rebellious.

It was unusual for her to enrich such facial expressions other than talking about carrots.

I guess she was in a bad mood because she was still inside, and as she was inside the dungeon got deformed a lot of times.

Alice and I kept apologizing this entire time.

".....Carrots a hundred." (Eve)

“Once we go back I will immediately prepare all S Rank carrots for you.” (Ryouta)

“Then I’ll forgive you.” (Eve)

I somehow managed to calm Eve down.

“But I was glad that everyone was saved thanks to Ryouta. Ranah mentioned that if Ryouta wasn’t here than it would’ve been awful.” (Alice)

“Is that the most injured girl?” (Ryouta)

The villagers that we saved inside the dungeons, some had minor injuries but some had sustained heavy injuries too.

Most of the time I could heal them with my Healing Bullet, but there was this woman who was about to die, and it was at the level where the limbs were just messed up.

Even the Healing bullet couldn’t cure her, but after using all of my Bullet Enhancer plus the Healing Bullet, I barely managed to heal her.

“It was amazing that Ryouta could even cure an injury like that.” (Alice)

It’s not that I was the amazing one here, but the Bullet Enhancer that should take all the credit.

If I could heal such a big injury, I might as well be considered a Saint that can cure any injuries as long as they are not dead.

Her wounds were really bad that only a max loaded Bullet Enhancer with a Healing Bullet could barely recover her.

Thus, inside Alice’s house, we talked about how we saved the villagers and what not, while having some small talk here and there.

Even though we were not even away for even a day, I’ve already missed Emily’s bright and warm home.

The warm and feel good of Emily’s home, I really want to return home soon, as I felt that I was a little homesick.

“Oh yeah? Ryouta, what did you get from the drop?” (Alice)

“Drop?..... Now that you mention, I don’t see no drop at all.” (Ryouta)

“I guess so, Though I’ve only noticed it but there really wasn’t anything. Even at the entrance of the dungeon we knocked down a lot but nothing dropped.” (Alice)

I nodded.

When changing the layout of the dungeon by using Boney-chan and Jumpy-san, the villagers that were transferred to the entrance occasionally had little devils around them.

Thus I shot them out of the dungeon to get Boney-chan and Jumpy-san out of there, but I have not seen a drop dropped even once.

“I wonder the drop doesn’t count if you’re outside of the dungeon.” (Alice)

“There should be no such cases, earlier when I was getting my Freezing Bullets I’ve tried that, or when I was helping Aaron I was literally inside the dungeon.” (Ryouta)

“Is it a dungeon that does not drop anything?” (Alice)

“Something like Nihonium? Though even that dungeon drops something for me.” (Ryouta)

Since I have Drop S that no one else has.

As I had done so so far, even if other people said something like “It will never drop” but for me it would have dropped something.

Something as far fetched as not dropping anything when I defeat it is impossible.

“Did Eve managed to defeat any monsters when she was inside?” (Ryouta)

“No drop.” (Eve)

“What do you mean——” (Ryouta)

“Kyaaaaa!”

When I was about to think while stroking my chin, I heard the scream of a woman from outside.

I went out of the door promptly and rushed out, and ran to the direction where the scream came from.

It was at the entrance of the dungeon, where a woman was attacked by a monster under the moonlight.

The monster was that little devil.

That wretched face was scaring the woman, and if you looked closely the woman seemed to already have sustained some injuries.

“This bugger!” (Ryouta)

I fired normal bullets to make the monster get away from the woman, and fired two more to make a Penetrating bullet to where the monster will be running away too.

Don Pisy, just as he went to that direction he was hit by my Penetrating Bullet.

As one would expect this monster had a high level of intelligence, its movement pattern of avoiding was different compared to other monsters.

It was as if I was fighting another adventurer rather than a monster—which was harder to predict.

The monster who was shot crashed into the ground and stopped moving.

I left it there and ran over to the woman, squatted down and checked on her condition.

“Are you alright?” (Ryouta)

“It hurts... my arm hurts...”

“All right, wait a mo.” (Ryouta)

I then used the Healing bullet and shot at the injured area with 1 Bullet Enhancer.

The magic circle expanded, and an array of light enveloped her.

Her wound was then cured after the light settled.

“Eh? The wound.....”

“You alright?” (Ryouta)

“What did you do..... Thank you.”

I nodded and got back up.

Seems that my judgement was perfect.

As the more Bullet Enhancer you put the more effective the bullets get, but you would not be able to put more bullets inside, making it's versatility inevitable.

Thus recently I was researching on how much strengthening level per Bullet Enhancer.

“Ryouta!” (Alice)

“It's all right now.” (Ryouta)

“Thank god... Aah...” (Alice)

“What's wrong?” (Ryouta)

“That.” (Alice)

Alice who came closer to me covered my ear and whispered to me.

The ground that was suppose to be the monster that I defeated, there was a bullet there.

“I'll leave her to you.” (Ryouta)

“Okie~” (Alice)

After confirming that Alice was treating the woman, I picked up the bullet that was on the ground.

It was a bullet that I had never seen before being dropped by this monster, maybe because it became a rogue monster.

I unloaded the Bullet Enhancer and loaded this in and shot it toward the ground.

A Magic Circle expanded on the ground that I shot, and electricity ran on the ground.
<Electric Bullet>, is it some sort of lightning bomb?

That..... is good in itself.

This was the dropped from the rogue little devil, where it will only become a rogue monster if you leave it's dropped outside of the dungeon where no one was around.

Certainly this place is secluded, the buildings and what not were swallowed which planted a sort of trauma onto the villagers, which made the entrance of the dungeon way more secluded.

It is indeed the best place to spawn rogue monster, but where was it's drop?

"What's the matter?" (Eve)

"Oh it's Eve, well there was a rogue little devil that appeared, which means there must be it's dropped item around here, and I'm anxious to find out what it is." (Ryouta)

"Rabbit has defeated a bunch of them, but have not seen a single drop at all." (Eve)

"That's true, even I did not see a single drop either." (Ryouta)

Thinking about this while stroking my chin, I went inside the dungeon to confirm this once again.

Just as I was thinking about it, something was reflected by the moonlight, and you can see something shining from on top of Eve's bust where she was wearing her bunny suits.

"There it is!" (Ryouta)

I caught hold of Eve and stared at it.

It was only when under the moonlight, where at one point you can see it reflecting.

"This is... it might be——" (Ryouta)

Dosun! I was suddenly struck on my head.

I held my head and looked above.

Eve was looking at me while frowning her eyebrows.

“Wh, what is it?” (Ryouta)

“You oppai molester.” (Eve)

“Huh? Oh shit sorry! It was an instinct.” (Ryouta)

“There’s no way you’ll touch it for free.” (Eve)

“Should I pay you then!?!” (Ryouta)

“1 touch = 200 carrots.” (Eve)

“I can’t tell whether it’s expensive or cheap!” (Ryouta)

It was Eve being Eve.

Aside from that, I pointed at her chest.

“It’s shining right?” (Ryouta)

“Gleaming...? Is this perhaps?” (Eve)

“Yeah, it’s <Gold>.” (Ryouta)

Eve scooped it up by putting her finger into her chest—valley.

It reflected, it was a golden sized grain.



Inside the dungeon.

The little devil monster that saw me made a wicked face and tried to escape.

While I was chasing after it, there was a pitfall right beneath me where if someone were to fall, they will be met with sharp blades pointed upwards.

I shot a Frozen Bullet on the pitfall, and kicked the ice to jump out of the pit.

I then shot the little devil with a Homing Bullet where it skillfully tracked down the monster.

I then open the pouch that I'd equipped in advance.

It was difficult to see when inside the dungeon, but there was a gold grain there as expected.

The drop of this dungeon was gold dust.

I guess at that time I overlooked it as I was in a hurry, but now I could confirm it without a doubt.

A dungeon that was born out of nowhere turns out to be dropping gold.

Thus the news spread around the village like wildfire, and it was even transmitted to several neighboring cities.

And night came---

Chapter 87

Benefactor/Patron

The next day, when I was taking a walk in the morning I realized that the entrance to the dungeon was noisy.

Was there something else going on! I thought, though the air was brighter than expected.

There were dozens of villagers forming a circle, and in the middle there was a guy who was dressed appropriately.

I have seen that man's face before, it was the father of one from yesterday when I've rescued them, Aaron.

While being surrounded by the villagers, Aaron was showing something on the palm of his hands.

"It's Satou-san, you came at just the right time." (Aaron)

Aaron saw me and came and talk to me. At the same time the villagers who were surrounding Aaron all turned around and looked at me.

I was curious about what was happening, thus I approached Aaron.

"Thanks for rescuing us yesterday, Satou-san." (Aaron)

"Is your son okay." (Ryouta)

"It was all thanks to you. Oh by the way Satou-san, look at this." (Aaron)

Aaron held out his hand, as I looked at what was on his palm, there were several gold pieces on the palm of his hands.

It was the gold pieces that drops in the dungeon, and the amount was slightly smaller than a BB bullet.

“What’s wrong with this.” (Ryouta)

“It came from the dungeon!” (Aaron)

“Did you defeat a monster and it dropped it?” (Ryouta)

“That’s right! Hey Satou-san, how much do you think we can sell this for?” (Aaron)

“Gold huh, I wonder.....” (Ryouta)

Since the currency of Piro is almost the same value as Yen in my previous world, I thought of it based off of my previous world’s rate for gold.

“For a pure gold of about 1 cubic centimeter, which is around 20 grams, and 1 gram is roughly around 4000 Yen..... And since we’re using Piro, so it’s roughly around 20k?” (Ryouta)

““““ Oooh. ““““

Although it was just a rough calculation, but the villagers who heard it raised their voices all at once.

“That’s awesome, with just this it’s already 20k?” (Aaron)

“Gold is awesome.”

“I wanna go in the dungeon too. Hey Aaron-san, how strong is the monster?”

“And how long did it take for you to collect that much?”

The villagers then gathered around Aaron again and bombarded him with questions.

If you looked closely at the villagers, they were all men. As you know how valuable gold is, everyone’s colour of their eyes changed at once.

“Those monsters inside are quite formidable plus they are quite smart. I think the only ones capable of defeating them are me..... Cain and probably Carlo.” (Aaron)

“How much time did you spent on collecting them?”

“I’ve been doing it since last night, staying up all night just to collect them.” (Aaron)

Aaron answered them, and the excitement dropped a little.

In addition to being a dangerous place where only few humans venture in, but the result of farming overnight is as good as saying “It’s not that easy”.

“I don’t know how strong they are, but I can defeat them in a short amount of time.” (Ryouta)

“Is that true Satou-san!” (Aaron)

Aaron was clinging to me.

“If you walk around the dungeon for a long period of time, the efficiency would increase. So how would you go around defeating monsters in the most efficient way, or how to get around the dungeon in the fastest amount of time. So if the first is 20k then I’m sure I can top that in a huge margin.” (Ryouta)

“““ Ooohh~~~”““

The villagers exclaimed with voice of admiration.

This reminded of the time when I was participating in the Harvest Festival stadium.

“Plus the more you dive the stronger you get. And if you listen to the tips and tricks of others before diving in, the efficiency would rise a little, even Aaron said so.” (Ryouta)

“Now that you mention..... Those little devil’s movement were quite slippery and they love to dodge around. If someone can predict that movement then I think Jed could probably defeat them too.” (aaron)

“Me too!”

From within the villagers that were surrounding Aaron, there was a very young man whose eyes were brightly lit.

“What’s more, it’s better if you were to form a party. Even though you’ll be splitted up after going in, but if you were to go in all at once then you might end up at the same place. So if you team up with your friends then wouldn’t your efficiency increase?”

(Ryouta)

“Aah! More things could be accomplished if there were more than one person, thus everyone here has a possibility.” (Aaron)

Aaron nodded, and the villager was further excited.

“Does that mean we can do it too.”

“What’s more a dungeon has appeared in this village, so this would be era now.”

“If I had enough money I will go and marry Lea.”

The villagers were beginning to become more excited as they voice out their demands—And the last person, said something dangerous and immediately left.

Thus I was advising the villagers one after another.

From the know-how of diving the dungeon to the amount of money earned, I told them everything I knew.

“And this is the most important out of all, is please don’t push yourself when diving into the dungeon. You should only defeat the monsters and get their drops because that is your goal, so never ever push yourself if you know it’s already your limit.” (Ryouta)

After putting on a serious face, the villagers became silent, and had the same expression as me.

Perhaps the adventurers in this world said the same thing as what I said.

“It’s better to remember this—“I can still do it”. The moment you think of that turn back immediately. No one would come and save you if you pushed yourself and collapsed during battle.” (Ryouta)

Uuh...

Aaron moaned.

That person..... it was the first time seeing him this unhappy.

“There is a saying where, “If I can come back alive, I can do it again.” “ (Ryouta)

It was a saying that had no relation with dungeon exploring but it does in my world.

I thought that everything that was dropped by the dungeon should be circulating in this world.



After separating with Aaron and the villagers, I went around the village.

As you leave the dungeon, the village was so quiet as far as the eyes could see.

I thought that it wasn't bad to relax myself in such a place, was what I thought when suddenly the air around me felt noisy.

There were a number of adventurer-style men standing in front of the head villager's house that was introduced to me yesterday.

The villagers were staring at the adventurers with eyes of hostility.

“Ryouta!” (Alice)

“Oh it's Alice. What seems to be the problem?” (Ryouta)

Alice who was amongst the villagers called out to me to come over.

“A man from Samechiren came.” (Alice)

“Samechiren?” (Ryouta)

“It's the patron of this village.” (Alice)

“Patron?” (Ryouta)

As I wondered what that meant while scratching my neck.

“Uhhh, there are villages with no dungeons am I right? It's the same as here. So these villages are aided by big cities.” (Alice)

“Aiding as in... Aah!” (Ryouta)

I was reminded of the case back in Selen.

Right in the middle of Shikuro and Hetero, a dungeon was born out of nowhere. Thus the two cities were fighting who gets the ownership of the dungeon.

Though that and this is slightly different, being located right in the middle of the village, if the dungeon was born within the vicinity of the village then naturally it belongs to that village.

In other words, these patrons came here in order to secure the dungeon first to invest.

“Yeah, that’s right. And the moment the city of Samechiren heard that a new dungeon was born, an important person from the city came down.” (Alice)

“Is that so.” (Ryouta)

Well it’s an obvious thing to do.

But if that’s the case then why is the atmosphere so strange.

The adventurers must have been here to escort Mr Samechiren, but why were the villagers staring them with hostility.

Exactly what is going on right now?

“Please get out right this instant!” (Head villager)

An angry voice came out from the head villager’s house.

It was clearly not going well inside.

The adventurers furrowed their eyebrows, and the faces of the other villagers had a face as if they knew what happened, and some even did a fist bump.

And suddenly the door of the head villager’s house was violently opened, and a good looking middle-aged man came out.

“Thanks for waiting, we are——”

“I’ve certainly received your assistant, but your side did not even respond for help, plus there were no talk about a rescue mission coming to save us whatsoever!”

““ Th~at’s right! !!!”““

The villagers were in sync with the anger of the head villager.

“I’m sure it is natural for them to be angry, because you can see Samechiren from over here.” (Alice)

“Is that so?” (Ryouta)

I was surprised to see Alice speaking up.

“Yeap, though it was blocked by trees, but sometimes you can see it from a certain perspective.” (Alice)

“Then it is much closer than Shikuro.” (Ryouta)

“And we even asked for help from them.” (Alice)

Alice said as she was disgusted by them.

Even though their relationship was close, but the Samechiren did not even offer to help, in return they had to rely on Shikuro which was much farther away for help.

Thus I can see why the villagers were furious when they only turn up right now.

“I want you to think this calmly, realistically it is impossible to operate and maintain a dungeon by yourself.”

“Ugh.....”

The head villager groaned.

Well that’s to be given.

Similar to Aaron and the rest they did not know what to do when a dungeon pop out of nowhere, so it’s natural that the head villager would not know how to handle either.

Thus the head villager was troubled... Though.

The wandering gaze suddenly looked at me and returned to their usual energy.

“Don’t worry about it!”

“Hou?”

“Indole has a benefactor to return to!”

The head villager declared while looking over to me.

Both the middle-aged man, the adventurers, and the villagers looked at me, taking notice of me.

Eventually the villagers raised their voice and cheered.

Chapter 88

The possibilities of the dungeon

“A benefactor?”

The great Samechiren-san frowned.

Plus, he was staring at me as if judging me.

Be it a snake or a reptile, the stare gave of an unpleasant feeling to it.

“Judging from your outlook, aren’t you just like the rest of the adventurers? Who in God’s name are you?”

“Name’s Satou Ryouta, as you can see I’m just your average adventurer.” (Ryouta)

“Then answer me this, why is a mere *average* adventurer doing in a place like this?”

“Isn’t it obvious to come and help when someone calls for it? Moreover, why didn’t your side come and help when the situation calls for it? Isn’t Samechiren closer to here than Shikuro?” (Ryouta)

“Shikuro?”

The man’s eyebrow twitched for a second.

“If you’re talking about a rescue party we indeed prepared one for this. It’s just that since it was a new dungeon, we had to be extremely careful on choosing a suitable candidate, including their ability.”

“Though our Shikuro’s Dungeon Association immediately came to their rescue when they ask for it.” (Ryouta)

I glared at the man.

“What’s more, the adventurers that you have was always patrolling around the

dungeon everyday, so how can their abilities not be suited? So exactly what are you checking for?" (Ryouta)

"....."

The complexion of the man's face became even more severe.

On the other side, the villagers were agreeing with what I said and shouted with "That's right, that's right" or "If you sent your adventurers immediately it wouldn't even take half a day to arrive" to them.

The man stared at me, then turned and stared at the villagers that were rioting.

For a moment, the stare of the man that resembled a snake silence the villagers, but not long after they started to raise their voice again.

The man then head towards the head villager, and spoke.

"After hearing from them, I understood. If you really want to get help from Shikuro then I won't stop you."

"It's not Shikuro, but the benefactor." (Head villager)

" " " That's right !!!" " "

"In the end, it's the same."

The man sneered.

"Then I would like you to return the debt that you owe us when you were trying to build your village."

"Muu....." (Head villager)

The head villager hung his head low, whilst the rest of the villagers went silent.

Afterwards, the man pursues this even further.

"10 Billion, if you can return it I'll cut off all ties."

“That’s ridiculous! I don’t have that much!” (Head villager)

“In this world, there is something that exists called interest, you know what I mean right?”

The man then turned and looked at the head villager and the rest of the villagers, and laughed coldly.

Seems like this was something impossible to begin with, even I understood from listening.



“So around 2k tonnes of sugar huh.....” (Clint)

“I don’t even know where to begin whether that’s a lot or little!!” (Ryouta)

Night came, after calling Clint over he arrived at the head villager’s house to discuss.

The head villager and I roughly explained the situation to Clint, and he showed a rather difficult expression while sighing.

Oh, just so you know we used the Magic Cart to contact each other.

I would throw a paper card into the Magic Cart and it would be transported to our home, and Emily would hand over the paper to Clint to see.

And that’s how Clint hurriedly came, and now we’re back to where we started.

Again this Clint placed a mountain load of sugar cubes on top of his coffee while drinking it, while also showing a difficult expression.

“There’s no doubt that this problem would come back to us, though we mostly came to help for the beginning.” (Clint)

The head villager quietly listened to Clint.

Even though the head villager looked twice as old as Clint, but the position right now was reversed even with the age gap.

“Ye, yes. That’s right.” (Head villager)

“I had a quick look at the size of the village, but the number of people in this village when compared to our capital, it would be 1 in 100 of ours.” (Clint)

So around one hundred million.

Even though I do not know whether it’s a lot of little, but if that’s what Clint decided then I guess it is.

“Well, Shikuro also has it’s fair share of villages being supported by us. And to be honest, it is expensive to maintain these villages, especially those with no dungeons would have a big red ‘X’ on them.” (Clint)

“Since they don’t earn you any income right.” (Ryouta)

“Yeah, but it’s also a way of an up-front investment, so if a dungeon were to be born in their village, then it would be a profit as dungeons won’t disappear once they are born.” (Clint)

“I see.” (Ryouta)

That news was a first for me.

“Well, even if they don’t disappear, they are dungeons like Nihonium which causes deficit as they do not have anything inside them.” (Clint)

Though Nihonium is something to be grateful for as it was a huge help for me.

“Well, that is that and this is this, at least this dungeon has a plus side. So it’s fine if Shikuro accepts it.” (Clint)

“We will forever in the benefactor——” (Head villager)

“If only we have 2k tonnes of sugar that is.” (Clint)

“Uuu...” The head villager moaned.

“We would also need to investigate the dungeon, plus with the current situation we’re facing right now, it’s rather difficult to pull out that much money too.” (Clint)

“Is it that difficult?” (Ryouta)

“It’s more of..... if only we know more information about this dungeon or if there’s a new type of umami, then the story would be different.” (Clint)

The words of Clint made the head villager troubled and hurriedly looked at me with pleading eyes.

Please don’t look at me with such eyes, I’ll be troubled too. It’s a huge sum of money, 10 billion Piro you know? It’s not something I can just hand out willy nilly.

That’s the whole reason why I contacted Clint but I guess even he can’t give out given the situation.

Now what should I do about this.

“Is Satou-san here! Ah there he is!”

The door opened widely, and a man came plunging in.

“Who are you?” (Ryouta)

I somehow remembered him, but I’ve forgotten his name.

If I’m not mistaken.....

“It’s Carlo! We met at the dungeon during morning.” (Carlo)

“.....Aaah, It was when Aaron said the villagers could win against the monster if they tried.” (Ryouta)

Diving into the dungeon and fighting against the monster.

That was one of the names Aaron judged was suitable to dive into the dungeon.

That Carlo then came forward and spoke to me while clutching up.

“There seemed to be trouble Satou-san! Aaron has not returned at all.” (Carlo)

“Nani the fiak?” (Ryouta)



Carlo and I then arrived at the entrance of the dungeon.

There were several villagers gathered around the entrance, and the torches that they were holding illuminated their anxiety on their face.

That instantly reversed when I appeared.

“It’s Satou-san! Satou-san has finally come!”

“Aaron will finally be saved.”

“Please help us Satou-san! You have to go and save my father.” (Rick)

The villagers were being noisy.

Rick, who was Aaron’s son came forward and pleaded me.

He then started explaining from the start.

“We were together with Aaron-san when we dive the dungeon, but it’s already this late and he has not returned. Aaron-san said that he was still able to go and stayed back.”

“That stupid idiot! Didn’t he listen to what I said when not to push yourself.” (Ryouta)

“And then, uhh.....”

Another villager then shriveled as he spoke.

“There was a different monster that was way stronger than the previous one, so I guess that’s why Aaron hasn’t return.”

“A different monster?” (Ryouta)

I immediately thought of various possibilities but I double confirmed with the villagers.

“Was it only 1 monster when it was there? And was there those little devils around when you saw it?” (Ryouta)

“Eh?..... Ummm, There were. Even when we were escaping the dungeon, it was chasing us.”

“It’s a rare!” (Ryouta)

At least we know that the little devils weren’t the only ones living inside there, but at least it wasn’t a Dungeon Master.

Thus I was sort of relief it wasn’t.

“I got the gist of it after hearing your story, I’ll head inside now!” (Ryouta)

After saying so, the villagers were relieved. I carefully loaded the bullets inside my gun and stepped into the dungeon.



Equipped with a pouch, I defeated the little devils along the way as I head forward.

As expected their movements were quite tricky, as sometimes they would deceive me by pretending to be dead, but as I fought more of them, I got better at knowing how to defeat it.

Even though I am used to fighting the monsters, but the dungeon was a whole different story.

Having to face a dungeon that changes its layout every time someone enters, thus it was quite difficult to look for Aaron that way.

“.....Should I try that out.” (Ryouta)

With 5 Enhance Bullet on one gun, and the last bullet being a Homing Bullet. I aimed the gun right in front of me where there was nothing at all and fired.

The bullet flew out of the muzzle straight and turned at a corner.

Chasing after the bullet, and after around 50 meters I saw a little devil that fell down and was laying on the ground.

Because it was not a fatal injury, I used the other gun loaded with normal bullet to deal the final blow.

Thus I continued following the Homing Bullet, and turned another corner where it went.

Half way the bullet stopped moving.

Since I do not know the layout of the dungeon let alone where the monsters were, I figured I might as well use the strongest Homing Bullet to locate where the monsters were. Since the bullet is trying to aim at something, I decided why not follow it.

And repeating that for the sixth time.

The bullet that was following the monster, there was finally a monster that appeared!

It was a human body with a goat head, and behind it has a bat-like wings, and it was 2 meters tall. Truly a demonic monster.

So this is the rare monster, it does look different from the rest of the little devils.

“Aaron!” (Ryouta)

I saw Aaron being defeated while on his feet.

Even when calling out his name, he did not respond at all.

“Damnit!” (Ryouta)

I rapidly fired the bullets to drive the devil away, and immediately approached Aaron while aiming and firing a Healing Bullet towards him.

The devil flew around to dodge the bullet, while the Healing Bullet successfully hit Aaron and a magic circle appeared beneath him while being enveloped with a strong bright light.

“U, un.....” (Aaron)

I could hear him groaning, seems like he’s alive.

I fired more MAX Enhanced Healing Bullet towards Aaron. When suddenly the devil flew straight at me in full speed.

I then felt a sharp and tingling pressure on my skin.

Even though it’s rare, but it seemed to not go easy on its prey.

Seems like I have to deal with this first.

Who attacks first who wins, thus I repeatedly fired more normal bullets.

The devil used its fist and pushed away the bullets.

Its form was similar to that of a human being, where he used some sort of martial arts to defend against the bullet.

“If the normal bullets doesn’t work, then!” (Ryouta)

This time I loaded a Freezing Bullet on the left gun and a Fire bullet on the right gun and fired them at the same time.

The two bullets merge together and became the Annihilation bullet.

The demon dodged it! It flew to the side rather than using its fist to block the bullet.

The bullet then went straight to the wall and made a gouge on the wall of the

dungeon.

I gulped, while swallowing my saliva.

The demon was in front of my eyes.

It can block my normal bullet, and even when seeing the Annihilation Bullet for the first time, it managed to dodge out of range.

This bugger is definitely strong, or rather it's smart.

Those little devils were already plenty smart by themselves, but this one is not only smart but wiser too.

What a troublesome fellow. What should I do———

While I was absorbed in thoughts the demon's fist was in front of me.

With a B Speed charging towards me, plus a fist that could block a bullet, this is gonna be bad.

I guard myself with my arms and was sent flying backwards.

I landed on the ground and my arms were tingling. It's Strength is most likely around A.

The demon further attacks. With both it's hands there were small magic circles being formed on top of it, and 3 Flaming Arrows emerged from within the magic circles.

"It can even use magic!" (Ryouta)

I kicked the ground and fired a few Freezing Bullets at it. One of it missed and the Flaming Arrow came flying towards me.

Again I guarded myself by doing a cross with my arms, and my whole body was wrapped in flames.

After the flames dissipated, I inject myself with a Healing Bullet.

That was quite a firepower, lower than Inferno but stronger than the Bicorn Horn.
Although I can't gauge the magic but it's roughly estimated to be around level 2?

Not only is it fast, it's strong and it can use magic.
Plus it's clever too.

It's an all-rounder trickster.

"But!" (Ryouta)

I kept my guns and took a deep breath.
I then opened my eyes and kicked the ground as hard as possible.

It's fast, strong and can use magic?
It's true that this was a troublesome opponent, but so what?
My Speed and Strength is far superior than it.

With a speed that was clearly faster than the demon, our gap thinned out in a flash,
and using that confusion I grabbed his throat with one hand and dragged him towards
a wall and pushed him against the wall.

Boom! That caused a large impact on the wall and the dungeon shook, after the smoke
disappear, one could only see half of the demon's body barely hanging on the wall.

The demon was tenacious as it tried to wave its arms.

I clenched my teeth!

With my Stamina and HP being S.

There is nothing it can do to help itself the moment it met with me.

I gripped my hand tightly holding onto it's throat and thrust the muzzle of the gun into
its open mouth.

Bam! Bam! Bam! Bam.....

Firing at a zero distance, the sound of the cartridge could be heard clearly, and the demon's body jerked as if it had a cramp.

After the beating was over, the body of the demon weakened and fell to the ground with its head blown off.

Eventually, it stopped making any noise and it disappeared.

"Phew....." (Ryouta)

I breathed out.

This was my first opponent who was strong, fast and wise, so it was quite hard to deal with.

Since it had an orthodox strength, it is gonna be hard for the other adventurers to deal with, while thinking so I placed away my gun.

Suddenly, I felt something behind my waist as it was heavy.

When I looked at it, I could see that the pouch was swelling.

I opened the pouch and looked inside.

Besides the gold dust, there was a golden-coloured shiny mass there.

I took it out and appraised it, it's massive and definitely gold.

Feeling it, its weight is around 1 kilogram? It reminded me of a gold I once saw on a photograph.

If it's 1 kilogram, then it might be worth several million Piro.

"This..... won't it increase the worth of this dungeon?"

A dungeon that drops gold dust, and a rare monster that drops actual gold bar.

I kept the gold bar, and was reminded of the words that Clint spoke off.

Chapter 89

Hiring an association chief

Carrying the dropped gold bar along with me, I escorted Aaron out of the dungeon. Not only was going into this ever-changing dungeon a pain, but going out was also an annoyance too.

As Aaron had been had by the devil, I shot a few Healing Bullets on his body which healed his wounds but his heart wouldn't heal, so he could not recover.

Plus with those little devils surprising us every now and then, it was difficult to protect him while fending the monsters off.

But bit by bit, I managed to defend and move and we finally reached the entrance of the dungeon.

"Satou-san! Aaron! Are you guys alright!" (Carlo)

Carlo ran ahead first to see us, then the rest of the villagers followed as well.

"I'm, I'm sorry. I've worried you lads." (Aaron)

"Even your clothes is all tattered up, so you've been had by the monsters inside."

"Yeah..... If it weren't for Satou-san I think I would've died long ago." (Aaron)

When Aaron was explaining what happened inside the dungeon, the villagers went "Woow....." and they raised their voice as if cheering for me.

In front of the dungeon in the middle of the night, with torches illuminating the surroundings.

The villagers had eyes of admirations and respect as they all stared at me.

And in the midst of all these villagers, Aaron's son, which was Rick came forward and

bowed down.

“Thank you very much! Thank you so much for saving my dad once again.” (Rick)

“Don’t mind. What’s more you should worry about Aaron more.” (Ryouta)

“Wh, what...” (Aaron)

“Because of you saying “Oh it’s fine I can still handle it” that got you in troubled, do you even understand?” (Rick)

“A, aah..... you made me remember something hurtful.” (Aaron)

“Please tell that with your own mouth, since it’s more effective if it’s coming from you.” (Rick)

“I got it, leave it to me. I promise to never let anyone else follow my mistakes again.” (Aaron)

Though he still had a scared look on his face, Aaron strongly nodded.

Having this small trauma should awaken those *brave* villagers from doing the same thing again.

Outside of the surrounding of the villagers, I could see the figure of Clint and the head villager.

Thus I pulled away from the crowd and head towards the two of them.

“Clint, please have a look at this.” (Ryouta)

“This is... a gold bar?” (Clint)

“It was dropped by a rare monster.” (Ryouta)

“.....I see.” (Clint)

As expected of the association chief, he got what I meant the moment he looked at it.

“If it is the normal monster then it’s gold dust, and if it’s rare monster then gold bar. This dungeon really shows its value of being a cave with minerals of gold.” (Ryouta)

“Seems like it. How about the other floors?” (Clint)

“I’ve not searched whether it exists or not, cause the structure and layout of the dungeon changes so often I’ve never seen it appeared once.” (Ryouta)

“I see, if that’s the case our side will handle it. Since it came to this where they drop gold bar then it will surely bring a profit. Alright, this village will be under the wings of Shikuro from now on.” (Clint)

I slightly sighed in relieved.

I’m glad that the conversation for the 100’s of millions of unit was sealed, as bringing Clint into this was the limit to what I could do at this point.

As Clint had an interest in this matter, I was relieved.

“Thank you Satou-san, this matter was solved because you were here. Please let us repay you in anyway possible.” (Clint)

“Please take your time, I can wait——-” (Ryouta)

“For now please send in 2000 tonnes of sugar.” (Clint)

“No really I hope it takes forever to come!” (Ryouta)

“Don’t be modest about it, sugar is delicious.” (Clint)

“I’m honestly not being modest at all! If I were to receive that much what the hell am I supposed to do with all that.” (Ryouta)

Though I know how much it is worth, but if I were to really receive all those sugars I think my stomach would not take it, thus I 2000% strongly refused it.

“I see. Oh well, We’ll think of another repayment for you at another time, for now let’s go and discuss with those Samechiren people.” (Clint)

“Let’s do that now.” (Ryouta)

“Uh, excuse me!”

The head villager who was silent up until now suddenly cut into our conversation.

“What’s wrong?” (Clint)

“We, even though we aren’t from Shikuro but we would like our lord and saviour

Satou-san to stay here.” (head villager)

“Satou-san’s?” (Clint)

Clint tilted his head.

More like, what the heck are you saying head villager.

“Wait a minute head villager-san. I’m just an adventurer, I don’t have the power to have a meeting with the Samechiren people nor do I have the money to pay them. What’s more Clint-san was the one who recommended me to come here and help out your village.” (Ryouta)

“Bu, but still.....” (head villager)

The head villager looked at Clint for help.

Because of the sudden selfishness Clint furrowed his eyebrows, and turned his eyes away with great pressure.

“Yo, you can’t trust the city that much.....” (head villager)

The head villager said while muttering.

The moment I realised, the other villagers who were in front of the dungeon came to us.

They had a pleading look on their eyes as they sated at me.

The city is untrustworthy.

This village, Indole must’ve been restrained by Samechiren so much, that maybe they had developed that kind of mentality.

A poor village with nothing, and looking at them closely they were wearing a modest amount of clothes which could barely be considered simple, plus all of them looked so scrawny.

What’s more, this is the village where Alice grew up in.

So this is what happens when Samechiren has governed Indole for such a long time. I was trying hard to come up with ways to help them from this cold treatment, as I really wanted to help.

What should I do, as I was immersed in my own thoughts.

“Then, why not create an Indole Dungeon Association. Then you can let Satou-san be the chief.” (Clint)

“Eh? Nani the fiak?” (Ryouta)

I was surprised, whereas the villagers became rowdy.

“Not inside Shikuro, but the association will be right here. So if the chief is Satou-san wouldn’t you guys be more at ease?” (Clint)

“Aaahh!!! Of course!” (head villager)

The head villager immediately nodded, and the other villagers were also being noisy.

“If it’s Satou-san I don’t think anyone minds right?” (Clint)

“Our lord and saviour who saved us twice, OF COURSE NOT!” (head villager)

They all looked at me and the crowd goes crazy, then Clint looked at me.

Even though that settles it, but I received a hidden message.

“B, but, I’m just an adventurer.” (Ryouta)

“I’m pretty sure you can still be an adventurer. I would also leave Shikuro from time to time to explore different dungeons.” (Clint)

“You do that!?!” (Ryouta)

“The adventurers these days are unreliable, they think that just defeating monsters are everything.” (Clint)

“Isn’t it fine just to defeat the monsters?” (Ryouta)

What's happening? I thought as I tilted my head in confusion.

"It's love you know, if you have love while defeating the monsters you can get the highest quality of sugar!!" (Clint)

".....Ah, okay." (Ryouta)

I was wrong to have listened to his stories seriously.

It was just Clint's own declaration.

I don't think using love in this world would increase the drop rate.

Even that Eve would need to plead for her beloved carrots from me.

Thus "**Drop Rate > Love**", end.

Even though that's the case, I held back a tsukkomi.

I could understand that I would go to the dungeons from time to time to do it.

In other words I can do what I've been doing as usual, as what Clint said.

I don't know whether it's obvious, but the one giving the money was still Shikuro in the end.

I'm hired as the association chief but acting as a store manager.

"So..... I guess I'm now Indole's Dungeon Association's chief from now on." (Ryouta)

Clint nodded.

The entire villagers all looked at me.

They had looks of expectations.

The villagers which was handled with cold treatment.

".....I would like to put down some policies." (Ryouta)

Looking at Clint, it's not a policy but more of a condition or maybe even a nuance.

"What is it." (Clint)

"Please make the taxes for purchases in this village cheaper from now on." (Ryouta)

"I can even make it to 0." (Clint)

Clint immediately responded to my answer.

I guess that's how it is.

With this amount of villagers and their power.

Even if they were to be exempted of taxes it wouldn't make a dent.

"In the first place the taxes are all used to create more infrastructures." (Clint)

"Isn't that obvious." (Ryouta)

I too immediately answered. I got a feeling it was like that.

A dungeon which produces gold dust and gold bar, a literal gold mine.

Adventurers would gather together in the city of mines, and infrastructures would be adjusted and done without permission.

Thus I gave out some conditions.

Better to say it now, if I'm not around Clint—Shikuro would be the only one's to interfere with this dungeon.

Thus it's better to say them now, hopefully it's alright with Clint, in order to not let this villager to become like how Samechiren handled in the past.

I then explained my conditions to Clint from what I thought.

The obvious things will be omitted, also those impossible conditions would not be mentioned either.

And Clint accepted all of the conditions without hesitation.

“Any others?” (Clint)

“That’s all, I’m satisfied with this. So I’m counting on you on Samechiren’s side.”
(Ryouta)

“Leave it to me.” (Clint)

Clint said so and turned away and started walking.

All that’s left is to wait for the negotiations over there.

No wait, I don’t think I can leave him be right.

It’s the same during the time at Selen, again they would need my power for something again.

Before that happens, I have to be prepared.

“Thank you, thank you very much Satou-san.” (head villager)

The head villager and villagers came one by one and shook my hands.

“As expected of our lord and saviour!”

“Yeah, I would like to compete with that huge Shikuro’s association too.” (Ryouta)

“For Satou-san’s sake I will work hard! I’ll work hard to become strong!”

“More like please let us be your disciple Satou-san!”

I was left to be with the villagers, and was troubled for a moment.

Chapter 90

Counter tracking

In the morning, I awoke from Alice house which I'm still not used too yet.

It was certainly a poor village where Alice's house looked simple, moreover I am already missing Emily's warm and loving house.

"My body is completely used to that huh." (Ryouta)

While mumbling nonsense, I looked inside the house.

There weren't too many furnitures placed inside the house which perfectly fits the description of a simplistic house, and at the other end there was a mixed bed where Alice and Eve was sleeping.

Alice had Boney-chan and Jumpy-san resting on her head like a cat, whereas Eve was gnawing on something inside her thin futon.

"You can't do that Kon kon..... Eh? Neither fire nor ice works?" (Alice)

"No carrots~, no future~" (Eve)

The two of them were sleeping together while sleep talking.

While thinking that they were having some sort of fun dream, I got up and thought of earning some money in the dungeon.

First up was to check on my equipment.

Two guns, and various bullets.

I did not use the pouch when I first when into the dungeon, but since I knew what sort of drops I was expecting, which were gold dust and gold bar, I equipped it.

And the Tears of Slime.

After re-dropping it from a rogue monster, since I do not know whether that little devil has any other additional abilities to cheat in various ways, thus I held onto this just in case.

Thus, double checking to make sure.

Knock, knock.

Seemed like someone knocked on my door.

I glanced at Alice and Eve, and the two of them were still sleeping soundly.

Since it can't be help I decided to answer it.

"Yes yes, who is it? ———Eh?" (Ryouta)

When I opened the door, there were three girls standing there.

Both are girls from the village, they looked to be around 15-16 years old which on earth they were considered JK ¹ students.

"It, it's Satou-sama. Hey what should we do, I did not think that Satou-sama would be the one coming out."

"There's no helping it, now come on Risu."

"I, I can't do it. The two of you please help me." (Risu)

The girls were looking at me while shyly looking at each other..... more like they were pressing against each other.

When I thought what was going on, the girl in the middle was pushed by the other girls forward.

"Satou-sama!"

"O, oh?" (Ryouta)

"Thank you for helping us the day before yesterday."

"Aah, were you one of the girls that was swallowed by the dungeon?" (Ryouta)

"Yes! At that time when Satou-sama saved me..... you were really cool."

"Ooofuu...?" (Ryouta)

A voice that I thought was stupid even for myself leaked out of my mouth.

By love do they mean *that* sort of love?

Th, they did not even mentioned that to begin with but I never imagined what I should do because no one has ever said such thing.

THough, I do not have time to think.

“Uhm! Me too!”

“Me, me three.....”

“Oueee!?!” (Ryouta)

The remaining two both said something absurd.

After the first girl said “I love you” to me, the three of them looked at me straight in the eyes and appealed to me.

Their gazes were strong, I could feel it right in my kokoro.

Their feelings were certainly transmitted, but what should I do about this?

“T, thanks.” (Ryouta)

I tried squeezing something out but it turned out to be extremely awkward.

“Kyaaaaaa!”

“I’m happy!”

“Aaah..... I’m feeling dizzy...”

Apparently they seemed to be pleased with my stupid reply.

I felt like being pinched by a fox.



“It’s to be expected.” (Alice)

Leaving the house with Alice who got up, and on our way to the dungeon Alice overheard the conversation and spoke.

By the way, Eve woke up unnoticed and disappeared unnoticed too.

“It’s natural?” (Ryouta)

“A young and cool looking guy, what’s more being called an association chief is to be expected.” (Alice)

“Is that cool? And it’s Clint the one who asked me to help them out, so of course they came to thank me after I completed the mission.” (Ryouta)

“Helping someone when they are in a pinch. That is a huge point if I do say so myself.” (Alice)

“I, if Alice says so.” (Ryouta)

“Also, those who became adventurers are longing to have these sorts of encounter right. Even I was longing to be an adventurers thus I went to Shikuro.” (Alice)

“Okay... I see...” (Ryouta)

I guess that might be true.

A world where everything drops inside a dungeon, it can be said that being able to help out during a huge event is something any adventurers would want to get their hands at.

I guess I can understand the feelings of adventurers who were longing to fight in the dungeon, especially if they are living in a village without any dungeon.

“This time you became the association chief on this village, so of course you’re already a star over here.” (Alice)

“Even if you said that I’m a s-star, I guess I understand.” (Ryouta)

I was convinced by Alice as we continued walking.

On the way from Alice's house to the dungeon, the villagers were watching me from a distance.

Everyone had a good impression of me and some had the same expression as the girls that came this morning.

Since having to be a center of attention is really embarrassing, I decided to escape into the dungeon.

Thus we went to the entrance of the dungeon with haste.

"Well, I'll be going. After I'm done we'll meet back at the entrance." (Ryouta)

"Un, I'll be waiting." (Alice)

Waving at Alice who nodded, I entered the dungeon first.

As if someone used a spell on my surroundings, the dungeon's structure changed as I entered the dungeon. Thus, having to team up with someone is difficult.

Well, there are two ways of meeting up with someone inside here, but I decided to take the most reliable way.

That is I would first come in and find my way back to the entrance, and meet up with Alice and together we will be sent to somewhere together.

The reason why I wanted to team up with Alice was to use her special abilities inside here.

As she was born in the dungeon and somehow she knew the structure of the dungeon and where every monsters are located.

Because this was a dungeon where the layout changes every time you enter, we need someone like Alice to navigate and find whether there's another floor below us.

Inside this unfamiliar dungeon, I tried to go find my way back to the entrance.

It's as if my first time coming into the dungeon and I was slightly lost.

Gashak.

There was a sound from behind.

I wonder if someone from the villagers came inside the dungeon.

“———!”

Suddenly someone or something started attacking me.

A black shadow slashed towards me, I could see a blunt blade being reflected as it drew an arc and attacked me.

It wasn't a monster!

I grabbed the hilt of the blade and body blowed the person holding it.

It might be a human, or more specifically at least it had a human shape.

The opponent's body bent into a “<” shape and it's movement stopped.

Was what I thought when he released the blade and and tried to grab something inside its pocket as if trying to do something, I immediately reacted and did a left hook on it's face.

The black shadow thrust into the wall and crumbled as it was.

After looking at it closely, it was indeed a human being.

“An Assassin?” (Ryouta)

That word came up in my mind without thinking.

The blade that I robbed from the black shadow was apparently a sharp blade called Aikuchi, and it suddenly attacked me with from the shadow.

It was an orthodox assassin.

Assassination? Towards me?

.....But why?

When questions kept popping up one after another, I thought it's better to catch him first before he escaped, when suddenly.

The dungeon's structure has changed!

When I was trying to catch the assassin, the structure suddenly changed, and I was separated from the opponent.

".....This timing, it's definitely not a coincidence." (Ryouta)

I don't know what I've done but intuitively I understand that they don't want me to find out who they are.

I don't know whether it was something being sent or I was being monitored, but that cannot be a mere coincidence as the timing of when I was trying to catch it, the dungeon's structure changed.

"Should I go search for him, no wait Alice is still waiting for me at the entrance." (Ryouta)

If the dungeon's structure changed that means someone must've come in.

Then doesn't that mean Alice who was at the entrance was in danger.

I quickly ran around the unfamiliar dungeon.

There were times when the little devils appeared but I ignored them since even if they were to attack me my HP and Endurance is at S.

After running for around five minutes I saw the entrance of the dungeon.

"Alice!" (Ryouta)

"Ryouta!" (Alice)

“Are you alright?” (Ryouta)

“Yeah, I’m alright. What’s more a weird person was running away just now.” (Alice)

“It ran away?” (Ryouta)

“Yeah, someone suddenly came flying out while I was trying to go in, and afterwards two more came out and scattered as they escaped.” (Alice)

“You let them go?” (Ryouta)

“What do you mean?” (Alice)

“They were trying to attack me, no assassinate me.” (Ryouta)

“Assassination!? Ah but, if I’m not mistaken they look.....” (Alice)

After being surprised, Alice quickly remembered their appearance.

Yes, it’s better to remember what they wore so we can find them.

But the problem is who? And for what reason.

Not being able to catch me must’ve hurt.

“Hey Ryouta, your body seems to be shining?” (Alice)

“Eh?” (Ryouta)

When Alice pointed it out, it certainly looked like my body was shining.

To be exact, it was flashing red right under my clothes.

Thus I took it out and figure out what it was.

“Tears of Slime.....” (Ryouta)

“Isn’t it where it would counter the opponent’s damage.” (Alice)

“Yeah, it was a drop from the High Guts Slime, and when I turned it into a rogue slime it dropped this..... So this light meant the effect happened?” (Ryouta)

I stared at the Tears of Slime and observed what the light meant.

“.....Alice, where did those bastards escaped?” (Ryouta)

“Etto, there and there.” (Alice)

Alice said while pointing at two opposite directions.

With the Tears of Slime, I first chose one side, and the blinking of the light delayed for a moment.

This time I head towards the other side, and the blinking suddenly gotten faster.

“What does that mean?” (Alice)

“Perhaps... it’s a tracker to track its opponent.” (Ryouta)

I decided to pursue those buggers while it was flashing quickly.



“Did you fail?”

“I’m so sorry!”

“Hmm, that brat is stronger than I expected. I thought it was some new emerging family but it looks like they are quite formidable.”

“What should we do?”

“Was your face seen? Were you being followed?”

“He did not see and we were hidden the whole time.”

“If that’s the case then go hide for awhile, and think about the next plan.

“I understand——Mu.”

“What’s wro——Eh?”

The two men who were talking in the forest noticed abnormality of their bodies.

Both of them were tied up in something that was shining on their bodies.

“What the hell... what the hell is this?”

“I can’t move..... what’s going on?”

The two of them were desperately trying to escape from the light rope, but the more they struggle, the tighter it got.

“So that’s what it is.”

“Who is it!!”

I slowly approached the man who asked who I was.

I then placed my guns down and walked to them slowly.

Because of my Enhanced Bullet imbued with the Restraining Bullet, I don’t think the two of them can escape for a really long time.

“Satou..... Ryouta.”

As the light shine on the man’s face, it revealed the face of Samechiren’s dungeon association chief.

And the person beside him who was being held was the black shadow who attacked me earlier.

“In other words, you were the one who sent them to kill me?” (Ryouta)

“Wh, what are you saying.”

“Well, well, well, trying to feign ignorance heh. Well it’s alright, since I’m bad at this. Alice.” (Ryouta)

“Un!” (Alice)

Alice who followed along stood side by side.

“Head back to the village and call Clint over, he will be good with *negotiating*.” (Ryouta)

“All right!” (Alice)

Alice nodded and immediately ran.

Only leaving me, and the two who were restrained.

The dungeon association chief of Samechiren had a pale face which made it all the more interesting.

Chapter 91

The 1 Billion Man

The assassin hired by Samechiren's association chief and himself were both restrained.

The both of them would not talk, moreover they would not even look at me in the eyes properly.

After waiting for a while, Alice brought Clint over.

"Hou, look what we have here....." (Clint)

Clint who just arrived had his eyes shining brightly as he glared at the two people who were restrained.

The look that he had had a slight inkling of a carnivorous beast who had found their prey.

Well, it was just my imagination.

Cause the fact that he was smiling, and smiling wonderfully at that.

"Don't get the wrong idea, this is——"

"Of course I won't misunderstand. Since there's no one else here, I don't think there would be any misunderstanding whatsoever." (Clint)

Clint was somewhat clear about his statement.

His eyes were looking straight at his opponent, but clearly you know he was clearly lying about there being "nobody here".

"Since there is no one at all, and nothing has happened. Is that right, Satou-san." (Clint)

"Un? Yeah..... I guess you're right." (Ryouta)

I don't know exactly what Clint wants, but I thought that it would be better to go with the flow.

"Well then, since we're here, let's start by talking, of course alone." (Clint)

Then with a preface, Clint spoke with his eyes staring straight into their eyes without a hint of smile.

"Didn't you propose to ask Indole to pay 1 Billion, so how about I make an offer. I understand that it would be difficult to negotiate, but I'm sure it will all fall into place."
(Clint)

Wow~~, Awesome~~.

It's blackmail, this was the first time witnessing such intimidation on site.

Samechiren had pushed Indole to pay 10 Billion Piro to be freed of their protection, and Clint was intimidatingly negotiating for a billion Piro.

From 10 Billion to 1 Billion, that's 1 tenth of it's original price, but the other side was asking ten times as much as before, so I guess it's reasonable.

And isn't it a coincidence that the other 9 Billion Piro is equals to how much I can work for.

As I thought about it, the negotiation was even greater than I had imagined.

Clint whose eyes weren't laughing, was looking at the Chief Association of Samechiren with disdain.

The two of them glared at each other for a while, but overtime the other side broke it first.

"I understand, I'll make it into 1 Billion, you can pay it at anytime."

"Muu, somehow I felt like talking to someone alone again, is it because of my low sugar

consumption?” (Clint)

Clint took out a large amount of sugar cubes in a dramatic gesture and threw it into his mouth which was enough that he could chew it.

Showing that sort of act in front of them, you can clearly tell that the person dominating this conversation right now was Clint.

Eventually, the cubes were completely swallowed.

“I got a feeling you won’t be able to forget even if we gave you the 1 Billion Piro, I need some sort of.” (Clint)

“Wha———”

Wo~ow~

That’s amazing, or more like you’re so cool Clint.

Isn’t 1 Billion a huge discount during the negotiation! Or rather you’re trying to ask them to let us off by not paying or something!

You’re a demon! This guy is clearly a demon!

Plus, this person.

“Ho, how are we supposed to afford that much!”

“I felt like I heard something just now, must’ve been my imagination. Oh right, maybe I should ask the association of Samechiren or their adventurers of what I heard from their chief just now.” (Clint)

“Anything but that.”

“.....”

Clint was silent as he looked at the other person with a smile on his face.

The smile was unnatural that it felt unbalance, even displaying a scary look.

When I saw that expression, I was like, “I better not anger this person”.



After they disappeared, Clint pocketed a letter with a satisfying face.

What was written there, was the contract of letting Indole abandon the payment of 1 Billion Piro.

Since a magic circle was placed the moment someone wrote something on the paper, the contract would be imbued with magic—it was probably something powerful that allows both parties to not break the contract.

Alice who called Clint over became increasingly frightened as she looked at him.

“I guess the problem for Indole has almost been dealt with.” (Clint)

“Is that so?” (Ryouta)

“Since Samechiren has given up, if there is 1 Billion piro worth of infrastructure to welcome adventurers, it will be sufficient at the moment. And the next would be gaining tax revenue from the dungeon.” (Clint)

“I see...” (Ryouta)

Thought it was quite surprising, but I didn’t know that Clint was actually gonna use that 1 Billion Piro for the entirety of Indole.

“This INdole, and also Aurum are the dungeon that we can earn from. 10 Billion Piro, we must use that to the utmost of our ability.” (Clint)

“Aurum?” (Ryouta)

“The name of the dungeon.” (Clint)

“You’ve already decided on a name?” (Ryouta)

“Eh?”

Clint was surprised. Did I say something weird?

“Of course the people are the one’s coming up for the dungeon’s name, did you have a misunderstanding on that the entire time?” (Alice)

“Isn’t that how it works?” (Ryouta)

“Each dungeon has a name from the time of birth, and humans are the one to confirm it with magic.” (Clint)

“Heeh.” (Ryouta)

I learned something new.

“There’s also a theory that the Earth God has made these rules, but honestly we don’t know.” (Clint)

Clint said something about some law that I honestly have no idea what that meant.

Teruru, Arsenic, Silicon, Nihonium, Selenium, and Aurum.

It seemed to be a rule that Helix or Uranium was born.



After separating from Clint, I went back to the village.

As soon as I entered the village, the villagers came crawling over me.

“Thank you, Satou-sama!”

The head villager suddenly came up to me head first and thanked me.

As expected my heart wasn’t ready for this, thus I was shocked.

“Wh, why are you thanking me?” (Ryouta)

“I’ve heard everything from Alice, the one about Indole being released from Samechiren, and also using the billion piro to develop the village.” (head villager)

“Eh? How do you know so much? I’ve just separated from Clint not too long ago.” (Ryouta)

“Thank you so much Satou-sama!”

“Thank you!”

“Thank you so much our lord and saviour!”

“You’re the saviour of this village!”

The villagers each thanked me.

From being the benefactor to being the saviour, this case has been getting way out of control since the start.

“We must reward something to our lord and saviour.”

“Aah oh yeah! Since we have money, and that dungeon! Let’s enlarge this village with our own hands!”

“We will not be able to face him if we can’t even do that!”

The overly enthusiastic villagers, suddenly I was reminded of Clint’s words.

——-1 Billion Piro, you have to make the utmost use of it.

Clint did say that.

A story where the 1 Billion is partially solved (threatening may or may not have been aided), but it was conveyed as an achievement to the villagers.

And since the villagers were motivated, their tension were tremendous.

Surely this was also a part of Clint’s “maximization”.

I guess that’s alright, it’s better to be more enthusiastic about it then not doing anything at all.

It’s alright..... but.

“We’re gonna go all out on those monsters!”

“Those chibi devils are nothing.”

One of the young guy’s word made me worried. If he does that I’m afraid something

bad might happen again.

.....It can't be helped.

"Please wait for a moment." (Ryouta)

"Where are you going Satou-sama."

"I'll come back in a jiffy."

After saying that to the villagers, I went back to the road I just took.

Going back to the forest where there were no one, I took out the gold dust from inside the pouch and placed it on the ground.

The shiny gold dust was left on the dirt ground and as I left some distance, and waited. The gold dust then turned into a rouge monster.

I aimed at the monster with the gun loaded with a Restrained Bullet, and fired at the rogue monsters—5 little devils to be exact.

Afterwards, I took those and brought it back to the villagers.

"Sa, Satou-sama? What's the meaning of this....."

"It's time for training guys, everyone will form in a circle." (Ryouta)

Listening to what I said they spread out a distance, and I called out a young man.

"You over there, you said it was easy right." (Ryouta)

"Ye, yeah."

"Okay, then try fighting them now." (Ryouta)

One of the little devil, the light rope was released (I who shot it can easily remove it).

The young man who had a big-mouthed early was badly damaged.

I rescued him from the small devil by dealing the final blow and healed him with a Healing Bullet.

“You’re in a hurry just now. Did I not say it before, these guys are pretty mean, they would even pretend to be dead to defeat their foes.” (Ryouta)

“Ye, yes... I’m sorry.”

“Can you still do it? Then time for round 2.” (Ryouta)

I then continued training the villagers.

As the number of villagers who rushed recklessly increase because of what Clint had said, at least I would do something so they would not die when facing the little devils.



The training with Ryouta and the villagers, and slightly standing apart from us was Alice and Eve who were staring.

“Low level, good-natured.” (Eve)

“That’s our Ryouta.” (Alice)

“The most gracious.” (Eve)

“But because of that more people came to respect Ryouta. It’s close to the level of respecting him as a God.” (Alice)

“The girl there and there, their eye’s have the look of esthetic.” (Eve)

“That’s true, It’s like Eve but when you’re looking at carrots.” (Alice)

Without a word, Eve dealt a *fast* chop on Alice’s head.

While the two of them were watching, Ryouta unconsciously increased the villagers confidence and likeability towards him.



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